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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 7, 1996

Program: Colorado Springs Migrants

Speaker: Harold Holt

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - December, 1995

December 2, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Walter Hackney

0730-1245. 8.2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind north 5 mph, 46°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Dale Bucknam, Jim Hahnsman, Shirl Kennedy, Randy Lentz, Sig Nelson, Calaine Ohmert, Dave Quisenberry, Karleen Schofield, Pat Wales.

34 species, 1,017 individuals.

December 3, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon

0830-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 33-54°F.

Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ruth Davis, Verla Priest.

25 species, 604 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

December 5, Tuesday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. Partly cloudy, wind northeast 2-10 mph, 32-42°F. 32 species, 1,406 individuals.

December 12, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind northwest 10-15 mph,

41-56°F. 31 species, 1,734 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler.

RENEW NOW!

Remember, all DFO members renew at the beginning of the calendar year. Unless your membership was effective after October 1, 1995, it expired December 31 and will terminate January 31, 1996. Use the renewal form on the inside of the mailing wrapper to continue your membership.

And while renewing, remember that DFO is largely successful because of the number of members who donate their time and effort. Consider volunteering for Officer, Director, Field Trip Leader, or other by checking one, or more boxes on the renewal form!

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO THE MENOUGH'S

On December 16 Scott and Sandy Menough, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited, graciously hosted the compilation meeting for the Christmas Bird Count at their store located at 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Their newly expanded quarters, which cater to every facet of birdwatching and birdfeeding, provided a perfect atmosphere for the trip leaders to join and tally their sightings. Thanks Scott and Sandy!

SHARE YOUR BIRDING ADVENTURES

If in 1995 you saw lots of birds, or a few rare ones, or went on a great birding trip, passed a significant milestone on your life list or had other noteworthy, exciting or disastrous birding adventures, we would like for you to share them with your fellow DFO members. Please forward the details in a short note to Gail Evans, 1480 S. Jasmine Way, Denver, 80224. These trip highlights will appear in the February issue of *The Lark Bunting*.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL EAGLE WATCH

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal is hosting a record number of Bald Eagles this season, with a high count of 50 roosting birds on January 3. Tours are available beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. every Sunday through March 10. Reservations for these tours are required. The eagles can also be viewed daily at the observation bunker from 3:00 p.m. to dusk, and from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays. To reach the observation bunker from I-70, go north on Chambers Rd., then east on 56th Ave. to Buckley Rd. Go north one mile on Buckley Road to the eagle watch parking area. The walk to the observation bunker is about 1/4 mile and is handicapped accessible. Spotting scopes are available at the bunker and a remote camera, for close up viewing, broadcasts from near the roosting site. For more information and reservations for tours call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 289-0232.

HUNTERS OF THE SKY

From February 9 through May 5, the Denver Museum of Natural History will present an exhibit featuring raptors aptly called *Hunters of the Sky*.

To compliment this exhibit, the museum will offer a five-part adult lecture course. Times for the lectures are from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The cost for the series is \$75.00 for members and \$80.00 for non-members. The lectures will be held at the Denver Museum of Natural History, Education Classroom One.

February 8 - Gerald Craig, Colorado Division of Wildlife. Topic: Raptor Management in Colorado.

March 7 - Dr. James Enderson, Department of Biology, Colorado College. Topic: The World of Falcons.

March 21, Dr. Richard Reynolds, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experimental Station. Topic: The Secret World of Owls.

April 11, Dr. Charles Preston, Chairman of the Department of Zoology and Curator of Ornithology, Denver Museum of Natural History. Topic: The Plight of Hawks in a Vanishing Prairie.

May 2, Dr. Patricia Kennedy, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University. Topic: Special Challenges of Forest Dwelling Hawks.

In addition, two exciting lectures discussing current raptor issues will be offered by the museum. Times for these lectures are 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Denver Museum of Natural History's Ricketson Auditorium. The cost will be \$7.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members.

February 13, Dr. Charles Preston, Chairman of the Department of Zoology and Curator of Ornithology, Denver Museum of Natural History. Topic: Raptors and the Endangered Species Controversy.

March 28, Dr. David Bird, Director of Avian Studies and Conservation Center, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. Topic: Satellites and O.J. meet Birds of Prey.

For information and reservations call the Denver Museum of Natural History reservation office at 322-7009.

CBO TO HOST LECTURES

On February 16 at 7:00 p.m., Colorado Bird Observatory will present Dr. Russell Greenberg, Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Greenberg will present "*The Coffee Connection: Migratory Birds and Shade-grown Coffee*".

On March 22, at 7:00 p.m., CBO welcomes Dr. Ric Knight, Colorado State University who will present "*Outdoor Recreation is for the Birds*".

CBO's Bird Conservation Speaker Series is funded in part by a grant from the Adams County Scientific and Cultural Council. The lectures will be presented at the Thornton Civic Center, 9500 Civic Center Dr., off Thornton Parkway just east of I-25. Admission is \$4.00 for CBO members and \$5.00 for non-members.

For more information please call Colorado Bird Observatory at 659-4348.

BIRDS AND BERRIES

Mark your calendars to attend a class on habitat creation and landscaping for songbirds and hummingbirds, taught by Tina Jones. This course deals with native low-water plants and non-natives. The class will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens, February 18, February 25 and March 3, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call Instructor Tina Jones at 794-2647 for registration fee and information.

BOB RIGHTER TEXAS COAST TRIP

Experience spring migration at it's best. Bob Righter will lead a DFO field trip to the Upper Texas Coast April 12-19. All expenses shared. Contact Bob Righter 692-8529.

CORRECTION TO THE DECEMBER 1995 FIELD TRIP REPORT

The grackles reported on the November 4 and 5 field trip to Bonny Reservoir, were mistakenly listed as Great-tailed Grackles. Please correct your report to read 150 Common Grackles.

DFO FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - DECEMBER 1995

SPECIES	2 CCR	3 WRG	5 BAR	12 SPP
Common Loon	2			
Pied-billed Grebe	1	2	1	1
Horned Grebe	3			
Eared Grebe	1		2	
Western Grebe			1	
American White Pelican			4	
Great Blue Heron	2			3
Canada Goose	516	250	260	1500
Green-winged Teal			3	5
Mallard	21	50	450	72
Northern Pintail			6	8
Northern Shoveler		30	47	4
Gadwall	4	2		11
American Wigeon	4	28		
Redhead		35		
Ring-necked Duck		2		
Lesser Scaup		25		
Common Goldeneye	4	10	3	25
Bufflehead		6		22
Hooded Merganser	3			
Common Merganser				10
Red-breasted Merganser		2		
Bald Eagle			1a2i	1a1i
Northern Harrier	1f		3	
Red-tailed Hawk			1	4
Western races	2			
Ferruginous Hawk	1			
Rough-legged Hawk				1
American Kestrel				1
Ring-necked Pheasant	3		1f	
California Gull	6		1	

DECEMBER DONATIONS TO RBA

Allan Hahn
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John and Katheryn Hoover
John Mead and Marie Grossheusch
Glenn and Jeane Hageman
Rick Olson
David and Sherrill Pantle
Myron and Suzi Plooster
Dick Schottler
Joyce Takamine
Jan Justice Waddington

DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

John and Katheryn Hoover

SPECIES	2 CCR	3 WRG	5 BAR	12 SPP
Herring Gull	2			
Virginia Rail	4			
American Coot	306	15		
Killdeer				2
Ring-billed Gull	23	50	7	10
Rock Dove	8	4	14	4
Great Horned Owl	1			
Belted Kingfisher	2		1	1m
Downy Woodpecker		1	5	
Northern Flicker	7	8	9	4
Blue Jay	2	6		1
Black-billed Magpie	22	12	17	8
American Crow	7			3
Common Raven				1
Black-capped Chickadee	6	6	14	20
American Robin	2			4
Northern Shrike				1
European Starling	7	12	153	8
American Tree Sparrow	32		57	14
Song Sparrow	5	1	10	1
Dark-eyed Junco		12	13	
Red-winged Blackbird			190	
Western Meadowlark			7	
House Finch	6	15	57	3
Lesser Goldfinch				
"Black-backed" race			3	
American Goldfinch			26	
House Sparrow	1	20	37	
TOTAL SPECIES	34	25	32	31
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1017	604	1406	1734

1995 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Day, Date & Time: Saturday, December 16, 1995, 6:15am - 5:00pm
Compiler: Dick Schottler Feeder Coordinator: Patty Echelmeyer
Sky: cloudy/overcast Temp.: 20-50 deg F. Wind: variable, 0-10mph
Snow Cover: 0 - 3" Fresh Water: mostly open Wild Food Crop: good
Observers: 128 (80 in 29 parties, 48 feeder watchers at 42 feeders)
Total Party Hours: 218.75 (148.75 on foot, 70 by car)
Total Miles: 790 (119.5 on foot, 670.5 by car)
Total Count: 105 species; 33,389 individuals

Participants by Area (Leader's names underlined):

Area 1. Red Rocks Park (RRP): Winston W. Brockner, Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, Tom Rome.

Area 2. Lower Bear Creek (LBC): George Armbrust, Bobby Ausfahl, Vi Bossman, Lori Chappell, Bobbie DeMuth, Karin Donnerstag, Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, Phil Hayes, Mike Holden, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer.

Area 2A. Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP): Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall.

Area 3. Bow Mar/Marston (BMM): Dianne Koshak, Mortimer Staatz.

Area 4A. Lower South Platte (LSPA): Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, Patty Echelmeyer, Ed Holub, Pearl Jordan, Jean Maguire, Verla Priest, Joe Tenbrink.

Area 4B. Lower South Platte (LSPB): Allen Hill, Jeanne Hill, Ken Lane, Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler, Al Wuth.

Area 5. Highline Ditch (HLD): Lois Foreman, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Donna Randolph.

Area 6. Plum Creek (PCK): Norm Erthal, Larry Sanders.

Area 7A. Middle South Platte (MSPA): Walt Hackney, Joey Kellner, Norm Lewis, Steve Stachowiak.

Area 7B. Middle South Platte (MSPB): Carol Bocker, Richard Cook, Peter Gillette, Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard, Alan Versaw.

Area 8. Chatfield Reservoir (CHA): Judy Lane, Randy Lentz, Glen Meyers, Steve Williams.

Area 9. Upper South Platte (USP): Carolyn Cooley, Joe Roller.

Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Elizabeth and Lynn Willcockson.

Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): Doug Ward.

Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): Ann Bonnell, Maria Krummes, William

Krummes, Else Van Erp.

Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM): David Laliberte, Frances Sperl.

Area 14. North Turkey Creek (NTC): Warren Finch, Peter Lowen.

Area 15. Indian Hills (IHL): Duane Nelson, Warren Roske, Sherman Wing.

Area 16. Upper Bear Creek (UBC): David Quesenberry.

Area 17. Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR): Dieter Kamm.

Area 18. Garrison Gate (GGT): Chuck Aid, Bob Righter.

Area 19. Morrison/Willow Brook (MWB): Jackie King.

Area 20. Willow Creek (WCK): Kurt Hebner.

Area 21. Mt. Lindo/Willow Springs (MLW): Betty Harwood, Stan Harwood, Karleen Schofield.

Feeder Watchers: Jane Axtell, Gay Bishop, John Bonnell, Margo Breen, Nan Brehmer, Marge Carlson, Bill & Jan Carter, Betty Chrisman, Marcia Ferguson, Alma & Joseph Fields, Polly Fields, Phyllis Fischer, Marjorie Friedman, Marie Grosshuesch, Jerome Grutza, Margi Hasslacher, Elaine & Bob Helsley, Jewell & Bill Henrichs, Dorothy Horton, Tina Jones, Alicia Kamm, Norman Kautsky, Lila Kint, Lois Klawitter, George Lange, Mrs. Garth Magee, Dick Masteller, Connie McDonald, Jack McGrath, Doreen Near, Marycarol Nowicki, Marty Poole, John Presler, Jill & Reuben Ross, Jacque Schneider, Leslie & Russ Schreiner, Janet Shin, Pat Snider, Anne Southcott, Candy Vallado, Kathy Wallace, Donald Wargo.

1995 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS
by Dick Schottler, Compiler

The 42nd consecutive annual Denver Christmas Bird Count (CBC) was held on December 16, 1995 in the count circle centered just north of the entrance to the old Ken Caryl Ranch. The first CBC was held in this circle in 1954 by the Colorado Bird Club, predecessor to the Denver Field Ornithologists. This year's Count was very exciting, with several new species added to the cumulative Count list, and several other birds seen that had only been recorded a few times before. The total number of species seen on the 1995 Count was 105 (up from 97 in 1994) not counting a dead, but still warm, Eastern Screech Owl found by Hugh Kingery, and the number of individuals counted was 33,389 (compared to 34,649 in 1994).

The high number of species tallied is attributable, at least in part, to good weather for observing birds on Count day. While the

day was overcast, there was no precipitation, the temperature was relatively mild, and the wind was calm or very light. The relatively warm weather prior to the Count also resulted in most water in the count circle being open, probably accounting for the better than average selection of water birds (including several new to the Count) being observed. A third factor in the success of the '95 Count was an increase in the number of observers in the field; I think there is a direct relationship between the number of observers and the number of species seen, and it was good to see an increase in the number of participants for the first time in several years.

Five, that's right Five, species were new to the Count! The last time this occurred was in 1974. The new species were a Red-necked Grebe and a Clark's Grebe on Chatfield Reservoir (area 8), 8 Trumpeter Swans on Platte Canyon Reservoir (area 5), a Black Scoter on McLellan Reservoir (area 4A), and a Plain Titmouse coming to the Axtell's feeder. Additional species seen this year that have been reported on five or fewer previous counts include a Pacific Loon on Chatfield Reservoir (seen on 2 previous counts), 2 Ross' Geese in Ft. Logan Cemetery (seen on 3 previous counts), a Mountain Bluebird in the Kamm's yard (seen on 3 previous counts), a Gray Catbird coming to the Carlson's feeder on Green Mountain (seen on 2 previous counts), a Golden-crowned Sparrow at Red Rocks Park (seen on 4 previous counts), and a Yellow-headed Blackbird spotted in area 20 (seen on 5 previous counts).

New maximum individual numbers were established for nine species on the Count. These were: Western Grebe (25; previous high 7), Northern Shoveler (240; previous high 174), Gadwall (318; previous high 206), Hooded Merganser (93; previous high 53), Red-breasted Merganser (28; previous high 9), Red-tailed Hawk (77; previous high 74), Virginia Rail (24; previous high 19), Scrub Jay (203; previous high 185), and American Crow (964; previous high 938). Unusually high numbers were tallied for four additional species: Marsh Wren (7; tied for 2nd highest), Yellow-rumped Warbler (6; 2nd highest), Lapland Longspur (19; 2nd highest), and Common Grackle (10; 2nd highest).

Probably reflecting continued habitat loss, only one Western Meadowlark was spotted this year (down from 2 a year ago)! Also, the number of Black-billed Magpies continues to show a decline with 702 being counted (down 53 from last year and a high of over 1,800 in 1981).

The ten most numerous species observed on the 1995 count were:

1. Canada Goose (12,015)
2. European Starling (4,087)
3. House Finch (1,786)
4. Mallard (1,555)
5. Dark-eyed Junco (1,393)
6. House Sparrow (972)
7. American Crow (964)
8. Red-winged Blackbird (952)

9. American Coot (776)
10. Common Merganser (747)

Additional species observed in the count circle during "count week" (12/13-19) included Mourning Dove, Short-eared Owl, and White-throated Sparrow.

As compiler of the 42nd Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating in the 1995 CBC. I want to say a special thanks to all of the Area Leaders whose efforts were perhaps the most important factor in making the 1995 Denver CBC such a success, and to Patty Echelmeyer for her efforts in coordinating and compiling results of the feeder watchers.

A=Species Total No Feeders

B=Feeders, Plains

C=Feeders, Foothills

D=Grand Total

SPECIES	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	TOTALS			
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	UPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	A	B	C	D
Pacific Loon											1														1			1
Common Loon				2							1														3			3
Pied-billed Grebe			3	5	3	4				1	3														19			19
Red-necked Grebe											1														1			1
Western Grebe					1						24														25			25
Clark's Grebe											1														1			1
Double-crested Cormorant	1																								1			1
Great Blue Heron	8	1			1	8	3	1	1	7	1														31			31
Blk-crowned Night-Heron							1																		1			1
Trumpeter Swan							8																		8			8
Gtr. White-fronted Goose						1																			1			1
Snow Goose					1	2					2														5	1		6
Ross' Goose				2																					2			2
Canada Goose		771	170	1550	2100	3120	113	38	85	14	625		325									500	954		10365	1650		12015
Wood Duck					9	1																			10	25		35
Green-winged Teal		1		42	9	49	2	7	9	2	35											2			158			158
Mallard	20	358	41	81	160	457	16	46	15	9	42	8							3			40	101		1397	158		1555
Northern Pintail				19		13																			32	2		34
Northern Shoveler		37		4	75	19			5	2	24													74	240			240
Gadwall		45	2	3	52	93		9		8	68	1						2				6	29		318			318
American Wigeon		39		14	2	7					3	1												7	73			73
Redhead				5	5	8																		2	20			20
Ring-necked Duck		7	1		3	23						1										30	7		72	4		76
Lesser Scaup					5	1					1	6												29	42			42
Black Scoter					1																				1			1
Common Goldeneye		22	16	30	20	68	5		21	9	34	10										2	14		251			251
Bufflehead			4	11	28	58			1															15	115			115
Hooded Merganser		3		48	11	1			2	5														23	93			93
Common Merganser		200	22	412	2	48	4		23	8	25														744	3		747
Red-breasted Merganser				28																					28			28
Ruddy Duck				3	1																				4			4
Bald Eagle				1a	1a				1a	2a	1a	1a					1a								8			8
Northern Harrier								1	2	2	1		1												7			7
Sharp-shinned Hawk								1	1		1														3	2	1	6
Cooper's Hawk								1																1	2			2
Accipiter species		2					1																		3			3
Red-tailed Hawk																												
Western race	1	13	7		3	9	5	1	6	2	2	2	2		1		1	1		2	1	2	9	3	73	1	1	75
"Harlan's" race		2																							2			2
Ferruginous Hawk			1				1																	4	6			6
Rough-legged Hawk					2	1	1																		4			4
Golden Eagle	2a, 1i		1a				1i		2a			1a										1a			9			9
American Kestrel		9	2	3	3	4	5		3		3	2								1				5	1	41		41
Merlin		1			1															1					3			3
Prairie Falcon	2	1			1		1																		5			5
Blue Grouse														1											1			1

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Wild Turkey																25					6				31			31
Virginia Rail								7	12	5															24			24
American Coot		7		400	170	24			3	1	110											8	31		754	22		776
Killdeer					2	7	1				8														18			18
Common Snipe				1	2			1	4	13										2					23			23
Ring-billed Gull		62	27	40	12	68	17	2	11	3	135											2	38		417	17		434
California Gull		3									3														6			6
Herring Gull		12	1			4			1	1	13														32	6		38
Gull species																									10			10
Rock Dove	25	166	70	17	20	31	96	13	5		8	12	32		15			23	3	26		15	70	3	650	48	20	718
Eastern Screech-Owl										1d															1			1
Great Horned Owl		2				2	2	4	5	2	1		2												20			20
Belted Kingfisher		5	2	4	5	11	2	3	5	5	2														44			44
Downy Woodpecker	2	5	1		2	2		2	4	4				1	1	3	3	3	1			3		2	39	7	12	58
Hairy Woodpecker									3					4	4		2	6			4			2	25	12		37
Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race	7	40	11	11	16	9	6	18	15	20	4	8	4	1		2		3	3	6	1	7	8	1	201	50	10	261
Horned Lark										18	20														38			38
Stellar's Jay	2												4	40	34	56	15	10	4	1	31	7		2	206		49	255
Blue Jay		11			11	9																	2		33	50	2	85
Scrub Jay	35						1					11	8	1	5	2		9	20	19	1	33		21	166	6	31	203
Black-billed Magpie	18	130	33		18	35	24	19	21	33	31	10	11	3	18	20	10	24	10	23	6	40	47	22	606	77	19	702
American Crow	1	56	2	6	10	8	149	47	175	23	18	2	3	2	2	81	15	20		3	16	38	16	6	701	69	194	964
Common Raven	3	1	2			1	4		2	2	3	1		5	3		2	7		5	7	2	16		66		1	67
Black-capped Chickadee	40	69	10		26	38	6	33	18	62	9	16	4	20	6			7	10	10	8	33	1	9	435	60	30	525
Mountain Chickadee		1			2					1		6	3	60	22	110	25	39	4	1	93	4		5	376	5	61	442
Plain Titmouse																											1	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1							1	1	40	5	5	3	6	4		30				96	2	20	118
White-breasted Nuthatch		2			4				3	2		1	1	5	9	6		3	2		13				51		11	62
Pygmy Nuthatch						1							2	15	4	90	15	45	10		76				258		44	302
Brown Creeper		1			1			2	1				1			7	3	4			12			1	33		1	34
Canyon Wren	4											1	1					4							10			10
Marsh Wren								3	2	2															7			7
American Dipper	3								4	2		1							2			2			14			14
Golden-crowned Kinglet									5							3		1	2						11			11
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					3																				3	1		4
Mountain Bluebird																											1	1
Townsend's Solitaire	8	2	2		8	1			1	1		16	3	15	6	4	10	16	4	5	4	4		23	133	3	3	139
American Robin	4	82	1	4	30	29	1	2	2	1		5	7	3	5		12	6	2	6		3	2	10	217	51	4	272
Gray Catbird																											1	1
Bohemian Waxwing																											4	4
Northern Shrike	1					1	1	2	2	1	1	2					1					1			13	1		14
European Starling	1	969	73	225	1250	170	192	15	140	18	15	12	34			40	50	38		35		50	304	3	3652	352	83	4087
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race					4	2																			6			6
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	1			1				1				1			2						1			8	4	1	13

A=Species Total No Feeders

B=Feeders, Plains

C=Feeders, Foothills

D=Grand Total

SPECIES	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	TOTALS			
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC	UPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	A	B	C	D
American Tree Sparrow	4	16	50		3	2	27	69	100	91	32	1	23		6			1	7	10			20		462			462
Song Sparrow	2	13	6	6	6	6		23	34	34	12	10	6		1			2		6		1	10		178	1	1	180
Swamp Sparrow								2																	2			2
Gldn-crowned Sparrow	1																								1			1
White-crowned Sparrow					5		3	1							1										10	5		15
Harris' Sparrow									1																1			1
Dark-eyed Junco				10				1		26					70	49		10						142	308	35	1	344
"White-winged" race																	1	7	1						9	6		15
"Slate-colored" race	5	4			6				20			8	2	3			6	2	6	8			47		117	28	25	170
"Oregon pink-sided"	37	59	25		24	51	19		38	10	8	32	16	5			12	12	13	18	3	118	35		535	58	54	647
"Gray-headed" race	14											2	8	6			3	6	16	3	44				102	33	82	217
Lapland Longspur									19																19			19
Red-winged Blackbird		10		14	6	110	114	7	80	19	7					2		185	55	65	5		15		694	133	125	952
Western Meadowlark							1																		1			1
Yellow-headed Blackbird																							1		1			1
Rusty Blackbird								3																	3			3
Common Grackle																										10		10
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch																											5	5
Cassin's Finch															2		1	1							4			4
House Finch	60	160	42	73	250	115	122	3	5	22	2	20	8		16	31	1	40	43	42		27	16	36	1134	584	68	1786
Pine Siskin	2				6	3	52						3	5	12	107	75	71			5	18		25	323	1	96	420
American Goldfinch		2								49			12												124	17	9	150
Evening Grosbeak													2		15	2									19		36	55
House Sparrow	8	82	35	7	170	58	33	1								5	3			35		15	53		505	433	34	972
TOTAL SPECIES	27	45	31	33	56	49	37	34	47	41	42	30	28	18	24	21	21	30	21	21	19	31	32	21				
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	314	3483	664	3081	4572	4793	1040	388	919	542	1341	211	530	235	263	647	272	615	227	332	366	1015	2035	320	28205	4030	1154	33389

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - December 1995

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Red-throated Loon	12/1	2i	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Brandon Percival, Gary Conover, David Smith
Pacific Loon	12/1	4	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Brandon Percival, Gary Conover, David Smith
	12/1-18	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	12/5	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Red-necked Grebe	12/6	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Peter Gent, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
	12/20	1	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering
	12/20	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
	12/13	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Clark's Grebe	12/20	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Tony Leukering, Chris Wood
Tundra Swan	12/5	2i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Trumpeter Swan	12/30	1a	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood, mo
Greater White-fronted Goose	12/12	3	I-25 at CO 60	Weld	Karleen Schofield
	12/12	4	Riverside Reservoir	Weld	Karleen Schofield
	12/17-28	up to 12	Valco Ponds, Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, David Pantle, Sherrill Pantle, mo
	12/24	1fw	BelMar Historical Park ponds	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Ross' Goose	12/12	8	I-25 at CO 60	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Greater Scaup	12/1	1m	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Brandon Percival, Gary Conover, David Smith
Oldsquaw	12/3	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	12/30	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
♦ Black Scoter	12/1-31	1f	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Many Observers
White-winged Scoter	12/1	1	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Brandon Percival, Gary Conover, David Smith
	12/3	1f	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	12/22	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Barrow's Goldeneye	12/22	2m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Osprey	12/25	1	La Salle	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Merlin	12/12	1i, or f	Rd. 89, six miles north of Riverside Reservoir	Weld	Karleen Schofield
	12/19	1i, or f	Arkansas River below Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Karleen Schofield, Bob Dickson
	12/30	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joe TenBrink
Mew Gull	12/19-24	1fw	BelMar Historical Park ponds	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Thayer's Gull	12/16	1a	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Mark Janos
Glaucous Gull	12/20	1a	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Tony Leukering
Great Black-backed Gull	12/5-28	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Joe TenBrink, mo
♦ Ancient Murrelet	12/5	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, mo
Western Screech-Owl	12/27	1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Drew Smith
	12/30	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Northern Pygmy-Owl	12/15	1	11195 Hondo, Green Mtn. Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
	12/17	1	Oak Creek Rd., at the Stultz Cabin	Fremont	Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
Northern Saw-whet Owl	12/30	1	Booth Mountain	Pueblo	Richard Bunn
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	12/23	1af	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
♦ Black Phoebe	12/17	1a	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival (F)
Mountain Chickadee	12/31	12	North shore Lake Meredith	Crowley	Karleen Schofield
Bushtit	12/8	5	Turkey Creek Road	Jefferson	Joe TenBrink

Bushtit	12/29	11	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	12/14	2	Morgan Smith Nature Area	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Cape May Warbler	12/15-28	1if	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo (F)
Prairie Warbler	12/14-16	1if	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, mo (F)
MacGillivray's Warbler	12/13	1f	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival (F)
	12/27	1f	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival (F)
Common Yellowthroat	12/18	1i	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Tony Leukering
Savannah Sparrow	12/3	1	Near Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
♦ Le Conte's Sparrow	12/30	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Dave Johnson, Mark Janos, Joey Kellner, Chris Wood, mo (F)
Swamp Sparrow	12/12	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	12/17	1	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Yaeger
	12/24	1	Walden Ponds	Boulder	Joe TenBrink
	12/29	1	Old Pueblo Rd.	El Paso	Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer
White-throated Sparrow	12/8-17	1	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Golden-crowned Sparrow	12/27	1	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Joe TenBrink
Harris' Sparrow	12/14	2i	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Dan Bridges
	12/27-31	1a	19491 E. 128th Ave. near Barr Lake	Adams	Tony Leukering
Lapland Longspur	12/12	80	Rd. 89, six miles north of Riverside Reservoir	Weld	Karleen Schofield
Yellow-headed Blackbird	12/15	1m	Piccadilly Rd. at 152nd Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering
Rusty Blackbird	12/30	1f	Piccadilly Rd. at 152nd Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering
	12/16	1wf	West of Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
Great-tailed Grackle	12/9-13	2m, 4f	Piccadilly Rd. at 152nd Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering
	12/15	20	Piccadilly Rd. at 152nd Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering
Brown-headed Cowbird	12/30	1f	Piccadilly Rd. at 152nd Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering
Common Redpoll	12/14	10	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Dan Bridges
	12/24	2	Juniper Ln. in Ft. Collins	Larimer	Scott Gillihan
	12/25	40	Rd. 122 at Rd. 49, Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Karleen Schofield, Jim Schofield

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, di = dead immature, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

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UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

February 3, Saturday (WGB) *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947
See if the screech-owl has accepted its relocated home. Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

February 4, Sunday (PPW) *Plains Pathways*

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644
Explore the perimeter of Rocky Mountain Arsenal then travel north and east on the plains looking for raptors, nesting Great Horned Owls and the typical wintering plains birds. Trip may stop at Banner Lakes and Barr Lake State Park, depending on weather and water conditions. Meet leader at 0800 in north parking lot of Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch.

February 10, Saturday (CCR) *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Edward Schaumberg, 303-699-1721
Meet at 0800 at the west gate of the park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite St. on Union, then south and east to gate. Half day trip, lunch optional. State park pass required.

February 11, Sunday (VDT) *Fourth Annual Valentine's Day Trip*

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661
Visit Riverdale Rd., Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Brighton's Morgan Smith Nature Area. Meet at 0830 at the S. Platte River parking lot on the southeast corner of E. 88th Ave. and Colorado Blvd. Bring lunch and expect to walk three to four miles. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

February 17, Saturday (FFO) *Foothills Foray*

Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-2504
See what is wintering in the foothills west of Denver. Visit Hayden/Green Mountain Park, Red Rocks Park, Morrison Park and Mt. Falcon

Park. Exact route will depend on weather conditions. Meet at 0800 at the Park-and-Ride at I-70 and Ward Rd. Bring lunch and good hiking shoes.

February 18, Sunday (RFR) *Rambling for Raptors*

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster, 303-494-6708
Ramble along the area north of Boulder looking for wintering raptors. Meet leaders at 0900 at the north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories, at 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, turn west at Baseline Rd. exit, turn left at next light (27th Way). Cross Broadway at next light onto lab grounds. Bring lunch as trip is expected to last until 1400.

February 24, Saturday (CSP) *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Diana Mullineaux, 303-278-7245
Meet at 0800 at the west entrance to the park (Deer Creek Entrance). Half day trip, lunch optional. State park pass required.

February 25, Sunday (SPP) *South Platte Park*

Leader: Sherry Chapman, 303-699-1351
Come and see what is wintering on the river. Meet at 0830 at Carson Nature Center, off Mineral Ave. just west of Sante Fe Dr. Half day trip, lunch optional.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

1995

	GENERAL FUND		RESERVE	ENDOWMENT
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	FUND	FUND
BALANCE, 1/1/95	\$1,246.67		\$8,500.00	\$15,000.00
RECEIPTS				
1995 Membership Dues				
Received in - 1994	1,245.00			
- 1995	5,761.00			
Total	7,006.00	\$7,000.00		
Interest	567.74	750.00		847.53
Colorado Bird Report	970.00	800.00		
Book Shop	366.70	320.00		
Contributions to:				
Endowment Fund				69.00
Offset Printing Costs	100.00			
Total Receipts	9,010.44	8,870.00	-	916.53
DISBURSEMENTS				
Printing/Mailing Lark				
Bunting	6,319.84	6,000.00		
Museum Membership	150.00	150.00		
Colorado Bird Report	919.13	950.00		
Book Shop	353.08	190.00		
Liability Insurance	-	450.00		
Honoraria	-	100.00		
Awards	78.97	60.00		300.00
Miscellaneous - See Below	517.96	220.00		
Total Disbursements	8,338.98	8,120.00	-	300.00
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	671.46	\$ 750.00	-	616.53
ADJUSTMENTS				
Membership Dues for 1995				
Received in 1994	(1,245.00)			
Membership Dues for 1996				
Received in 1995	1,574.00			
BALANCE, 12/31/95	\$2,247.13		\$8,500.00	\$15,616.53
Miscellaneous Expenses:				
Postage & Mailing Supplies	\$259.32			
Copies	104.57			
CB Equipment (2)	99.98			
Bird Seed (Chicago Creek)	23.90			
Picnic	13.44			
Checks	11.50			
Phone Calls	5.25			
Total	\$517.96			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 12/31/95	526	(Down 14 from 1994)		
NEW MEMBERSHIPS - 1995	76			



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 6, 1996

Program: Birds and birding habitats of Big Bend National Park

Speaker: Jeff Selleck

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - JANUARY, 1996

January 6, Saturday (DCF)

Douglas County Feeders, to include Dawson Butte and McLellan Reservoir

Leader: Gail Evans

0830-1300. 10 miles by car, zero miles on foot.

Clear, wind southeast 1 mph, 0-20°F.

Observers: Cleta Abbott, Roy Abbott, Selma Berman, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Ron Lestina, Bridget Milnes, Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe, Bob Schlegater, Ginny Schlegater, Anne Southcott.

43 species, 641 individuals.

January 6, Saturday (VAL)

Valmont Reservoir

Cancelled due dangerous conditions

January 7, Sunday (WRD)

Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder, Ward and Peak-to-Peak Highway for Rosy Finches

Leader: Marlene Eggerling

0830-0230. 60 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 15-20 mph, 20-40°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Miriam Friggens, Alan Hay, Tim Mitzen, Myron Plooster, Suzi

Plooster, Dick Schottler, Dick Williams, Amy Young.

26 species, 193 individuals.

January 7, Sunday (SPR)

Urban South Platte River

Leader: Kitty Albee

0830-1330. 15 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind north 0-1 mph, 18-47°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Carolyn Cooley, Gil Jackson, Margie Mills, Karleen Schofield.

37 species, 4,962 individuals.

January 13, Saturday (PRA)

Platte River and Adams County

Leader: David Laliberte

0820-1530. 22.6 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind southwest 0-7 mph, 40-69°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Chris Boginski, Holly Boginski, Carolyn Cooley, Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Mike Gephart, Ruth Holland, Shirl Kennedy, Eric Lindberg, Myron Plooster, Robert Spencer, Betsy Schaumberg, Buzz Schaumberg, Helen Standish, Chuck Walters.

45 species, 2,014 individuals.

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January 14, Sunday

(CAC)

Castlewood Canyon SP, Winkler Ranch

Leader Sherry Chapman

0900-1530. 8.4 miles by car, 4.1 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 34-59°F.

Observers: Bernard Draper, Sheri Kennedy, Jim Looney, Peter Lowen, Nanette Mancusco, Peter Mulholland, Jim Norton.

19 species, 65 individuals.

January 20, Saturday

(NEC)

Northeast Colorado, to include Bennett; Hawk Run, Wiggins, Bijou Reservoir, Fort Morgan City Park, Muir Springs and Riverside Reservoir

Leader: Joey Kellner

0715-1600. 250 miles by car, 1 mile on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 0-20 mph, 30-45°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Gail Evans, Greg Goodrich, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Bill Kossack, Ken Lane, Peter Lowen, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Steve Stachowiak, Chris Wood, Al Wuth.

48 species, 9,076 individuals.

January 21, Sunday

(APX)

Apex Park

Leader: David Quesenberry

0800-1200. Zero miles by car, 5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 5-15 mph, 32-50°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Dave Compton, Carolyn Cooley, Shirl Kennedy, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Gerry Todd.

20 species, 157 individuals.

January 27, Saturday

(PUE)

Pueblo Area to include Valco Ponds, City Park and Pueblo Reservoir.

Leader: David Silverman

0915-1615. 30 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 5-35°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson, Pearl Jordan, Shirl Kennedy, George McKinnon, Diana Mullineaux, David Pantle, Brandon Percival, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Jack Reddall,

Pearle Sandstrom, Karleen Schofield, Clif Smith,
Bob Spencer, Barbara Yaeger, Mark Yaeger.
66 species, 1,438 individuals.

January 27, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Peter Lowen

0830-1230. 5 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, breezy, 9-40°F.

Observers: Larry Modesitt, Buzz Schaumberg,
Sue Schulman.

28 species, 1,290 individuals.

January 28, Sunday (FTC)

*Fort Collins area, to include Grandview
Cemetery, Hamilton Reservoir and other Fort
Collins birding areas.*

Leader: David Leatherman assisted by Dave Ely
and Bill Lisowsky

0830-1600. 25 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 1-7 mph, 5-20°F.

Observers: Chris Boginski, Holly Boginski, Jon
Bowser, Sherry Chapman, Alex Cringan, June
Cringan, Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Marlene
Eggerling, Warren Finch, Alan Hay, Dee Hay,
Pearl Jordan, Joe Kamby Norma Kamby, Shirl
Kennedy, Richard Mendez, Tim Mitzen, Chris
Owens, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Karleen
Schofield, Bob Spencer.

41 species, 4,821 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

January 9, Tuesday (PLR)

*Platte River and 88th to Adams County
Regional Park*

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.

0900-1230. 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind north 2 mph. 34-44°F.

33 species, 767 individuals.

January 16, Tuesday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leaders: Ann Bonnell and Arlene Larson.

30 observers. 0900-1200. Zero miles by car,
2.0 miles on foot. Partly cloudy, wind south 3-5
mph, 45-60°F.

30 species, 381 individuals.

January 23, Tuesday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leaders: Ann Bonnell and David Rhoades.

1000-1300. 25 miles by car, zero miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind west 10 mph, 24°F.

42 species, 217 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

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AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 1**

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SPECIES	6	7	7	13	14	20	21	27	27	28	9	16	23
	DCF	SPR	WRD	PRA	CAC	NEC	APX	PUE	CCR	FTC	PLR	SPP	RMA
Common Loon								8					
Pied-billed Grebe	2			3				5					
Horned Grebe								3					
Eared Grebe								2					
Western Grebe								8					
Double-crested Cormorant				2				8					
Great Blue Heron		3				2		12		1	1	1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		3											

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Snow Goose						25							
Canada Goose	90	3800		75		5200		75	800	4000	375	180	80
Wood Duck						1m1f		12		3m			
Green-winged Teal		23		8				5	50		60	13	
Mallard	9	340		60		2500		70	40	300	32	30	
Northern Pintail		30		240		20		10			23		
Northern Shoveler		68		117		10		2		25	243		
Gadwall	6	32		94				25	2	1	40	6	1
Eurasian Wigeon										1m			
American Wigeon		152		48				38		40	25		
Canvasback	20												
Redhead	6			40				16					15
Ring-necked Duck	12	2		116				24		10	9	5	
Greater Scaup										1f			
Lesser Scaup	10	2		54		1		10	2				
Oldsquaw		1		1								1f	
Common Goldeneye	14	51		167				21	5	4	17	23	1
Barrow's Goldeneye				1				1					
Bufflehead	8	9		20				14				25	
Hooded Merganser	2	12		4				5	3		2		
Common Merganser	24	31		104				10	12	2	2	17	
Red-breasted Merganser								1					
Ruddy Duck	4	3											
Bald Eagle				5		5a1i		3	1	1a	2	2	8
Northern Harrier	1	1			1	1m3f			3m		1	1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1		1a1i				1			
Northern Goshawk										1a			
Accipiter species					1								
Red-tailed Hawk		4	1	7			5	5	5		2	1	3
Western races	3			1		15				1			
"Harlan's" race		1				1							
"Krieger's" race				1									
Ferruginous Hawk		1		1		1					2		
Rough-legged Hawk	2					1i,4af, 2am							
Golden Eagle								1		1i		2	
American Kestrel	2	2		2		12	1	1		1	1	2	
Merlin						1							
Prairie Falcon		1			1	2a1i				1		1	
Ring-necked Pheasant						3			1m				6
Wild Turkey						50							
Northern Bobwhite						3							
Scaled Quail								16					
American Coot	120	13		16				90	100	4	8	4	1
Killdeer		5		5		1		14			1	1	
Dunlin												1	
Common Snipe						6		2					
Ring-billed Gull	26	128		147		3		400	13	5	1	2	1
Herring Gull	2	3		2				19		1			
Great Black-backed Gull								1a					
Gull species												30	
Rock Dove	12	52	2	4	7	18	3	10	20	25	27	2	2
Eastern Screech-Owl										1			
Great Horned Owl				1		2							
Belted Kingfisher		3		2		1		2	1	3	1	3	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								1					
Downy Woodpecker			2					4					
Eastern races	1m1f					1	1						

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Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race	1												
Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race			5					10	1	15	1	1	
"Red-shafted" race	1m1f	2		4		4	2						1 7
Horned Lark						250			30				
Steller's Jay	4		5		1		4						
Blue Jay	2		2			7				4			
Scrub Jay	8		1		4		2						
Black-billed Magpie	6	27	5	13	2	14	10	35	15	30	24	6	45
American Crow	14	9	12	2	1	2	6	20	1	18		2	
Common Raven	1		1		4							4	
Black-capped Chickadee	12	6	15	3	1	5	8	8	2	12	2	5	3
Mountain Chickadee	8		24	1	3		10	4		1			1
Plain Titmouse								1					
Red-breasted Nuthatch			3		1h		4						
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		2		4								
Pygmy Nuthatch	6				19		6						
Brown Creeper							1	1					
Canyon Wren					1								
Bewick's Wren								6					
American Dipper					1								
Golden-crowned Kinglet								3					
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								1					
Townsend's Solitaire			2		6	3	3						
Hermit Thrush						1							
American Robin			47	2		5	3	11	1	14	1		2
♦ Varied Thrush										1m			
American Pipit								1					
Northern Shrike						1	1	1			1		
Loggerhead Shrike								1					
European Starling	20	120	14	586		470	25	45	50	100	27		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler								6					
Rufous-sided Towhee						1		1					
Canyon Towhee								10					
American Tree Sparrow	55			6		15			60				5
Song Sparrow		7		4		85		20	40		5		1
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race						12		60					
Dark-eyed Junco "White-winged" race	1		3	3			10	110		5			10
"Slate-colored" race	6			1	4	1	2			4			
"Oregon" race	12			1	2					15			
"Pink-sided" race	10			1		10				5			
"Gray-headed" race	14									12			
Red-winged Blackbird	28	1		20		40		12	25		32	8	1
Western Meadowlark				1		30		7	8				
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch			1										
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch			12										
Pine Grosbeak			1										
Cassin's Finch	1												
House Finch	16	8	12	1		10	50	80		75	2	2	21
Common Redpoll										2			
Pine Siskin	12		3		1h					50			
American Goldfinch			2			10		2		6			
Evening Grosbeak	10		13							3			
House Sparrow	14	6	5	3		200		25	1	15	15		
TOTAL SPECIES	43	37	26	45	19	48	20	66	28	41	33	30	22
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Merlin						1							
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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								1					
Downy Woodpecker			2					4					
Eastern races	1m1f					1	1						

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - January 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Trumpeter Swan	1/14	1a	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Van Truan, mo
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/12	1	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Eurasian Wigeon	1/9	1m	Edora Park, Ft. Collins	Larimer	Robert Spencer
Greater Scaup	1/12	1m	Prospect Park Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Robert Spencer
	1/14	1m	Prospect Park Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Dick Schottler
	1/14	1f	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Van Truan, mo
	1/17-18	1m	Prospect Park Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	David Laliberte, Gail Evans
Oldsquaw	1/7	1am	Thornton Reservoir	Adams	David Laliberte, Frances Sperl
	1/10	1f	South Platte Park	Arapahoe	Robert Spencer, Warren Finch
	1/20	1f	South Platte Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Black Scoter	1/10	2if	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Robert Spencer, Warren Finch
	1/20	1f	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/1	1m1f	Along Arkansas River west of Valco	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	1/7	1am	South Platte River, just north of 78th Ave.	Adams	David Laliberte, Francis Sperl
Northern Goshawk	1/14	1l	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Van Truan, mo
	1/26	1a	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Dan Bridges
Red-tailed Hawk "Harlan's" race	1/17	1	N. 76th St.	Boulder	Bob Jickling
Merlin	1/9	1a	South of intersection of Rds. 108 and 57, Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	David Laliberte, Gail Evans, Peter Lowen
	1/9	1m	Grandview Cemetery, Ft. Collins	Larimer	Robert Spencer
	1/10	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Robert Spencer
	1/15	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Tim Mitzen, Dick Schottler
	1/15	1	CO 96, Eastern Pueblo County	Pueblo	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Tim Mitzen, Dick Schottler
	1/21	1	Rd. S west of Rd. 12	Morgan	Karleen Schofield
	1/30	1a	3700 Race St.	Denver	David Laliberte
Peregrine Falcon	1/2	1i	Boulder Creek at 75th St.	Boulder	Robert Spencer
	1/10	1a	Skunk Canyon, Mesa Trail	Boulder	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold
Dunlin	1/13	1w	South Platte Park	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	1/17	1w	South Platte Park	Arapahoe	Al Hay, Karleen Schofield, Duane Nelson, Robert Spencer
Thayer's Gull	1/10	1a1l	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Robert Spencer, Warren Finch
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1-31	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo
Mourning Dove	1/1-31	6-26	4430 Gladiola St.	Jefferson	Robert Spencer
Long-eared Owl	1/6	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	1/10	1	Briggsdale Cemetery	Weld	Tim Mitzen, Chris Wood
Short-eared Owl	1/9	2a	Wellington SWA	Larimer	David Laliberte, Gail Evans, Peter Lowen, Karleen Schofield
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1/15-21	2	North of Briggsdale	Weld	Karleen Schofield, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux (F)
Lewis' Woodpecker	1/28	8	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/3	1am	Pueblo City Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Dan Bridges
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	1/28	3	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Pinyon Jay	1/28	60	CO 109, south of La Junta	Las Animas	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Rock Wren	1/11	1	Thronton Water Supply Reservoir	Adams	Karleen Schofield

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Rock Wren	1/27	1	Skunk Canyon, Mesa Trail	Boulder	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold
Winter Wren	1/14	1c	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Mountain Bluebird	1/28	2	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Northern Mockingbird	1/26	1	Rd. 16, 1 mile east of Ordway	Crowley	Karleen Schofield, Gail Evans, Pearl Jordan, Diana Mullineaux
Curve-billed Thrasher	1/14	1	North of Fowler	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Bohemian Waxwing	1/30	2	1420 Juniper Dr., Estes Park	Larimer	Susan Ward
Green-tailed Towhee	1/21	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Karleen Schofield, Jon Browser, Dave Ely
♦ Le Conte's Sparrow	1/6	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	1/15	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch, Tim Mitzen, Dick Schottler
Swamp Sparrow	1/7	1	Canon City	Fremont	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	1/26	1	Bent's Old Fort Marsh	Otero	Dan Bridges
White-throated Sparrow	1/21	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Brown
	1/21	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Karleen Schofield, Jon Browser, Dave Ely
	1/22-31	1	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Golden-crowned Sparrow	1/19	1wa	Red Rocks Park	Jefferson	Robert Spencer
Lapland Longspur	1/9	3h	Crow Valley Campground, Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	David Laliberte, Gail Evans, Peter Lowen
	1/10	20	Rd. 4, north of Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Tim Mitzen, Chris Wood
	1/21	20	C	Weld	Karleen Schofield
	1/21	50	CO 14, 5 miles east of Briggsdale	Morgan	Karleen Schofield
	1/29	30	Rd. 8 southeast of Hudson	Weld	Robert Spencer, Duane Nelson
Chestnut-collared Longspur	1/28	5	Rd. 223.0, south of Rd. 34.0	Las Animas	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Rusty Blackbird	1/1	1wf	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Great-tailed Grackle	1/14	8	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Common Grackle	1/20	1	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Karleen Schofield (F)

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, di = dead immature, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

March 2, Saturday

Feeder Frolic

Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682

Visit feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek and Turkey Creek. Expect both plains and foothills birds on this popular trip. Meet at 0800 west of

(FEF)

King Soopers at northeast corner of S. Federal Blvd. and Belleview Ave. Bring lunch.

March 3, Sunday

Search for Rosy Finches

Leader: Warren Finch, 303-233-3372

(ROF)

We'll stop at Ward feeders first, then check nearby areas for other mountain species. Meet at 0730 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on the northeast corner of W. 88th Ave. and N. Sheridan Blvd. Half day trip, lunch optional.

March 6, Wednesday (PTA)

Heading for Ptarmigan Territory

Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035

Guanella Pass will be our primary destination with side trips to feeders in Georgetown, Idaho Springs, and Chicago Creek. Meet at 0700 at RTD Park-n-Ride, northeast corner of W. 4th Ave. and S. Union just off of W. 6th Ave. This trip has been planned for midweek because of heavy weekend traffic in these areas. Bring lunch.

March 9, Saturday (VAL)

Valmont Reservoir, Boulder

Leader: Bill Kaempfer, 303-939-8005

This is an excellent study area for waterfowl and gulls. Carpool from Denver at 0715 at RTD Park-n-Ride on northeast corner of W. 88th Ave. and N. Sheridan Blvd. Meet leader at 0800 at Stazio Field Ballpark. From north bound US 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Ave. then east to 63rd St. (traffic light). Go north 1/2 mile to parking lot on left. Half day trip, lunch optional.

March 10, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 303-798-9683

Meet at 0800 at fee station inside of the west entrance of the park, off S. Wadsworth. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State park pass required.

March 16, Saturday (HAW)

Hawk Run - Plus

Leader: Jack Reddall, 303-771-5308

We'll visit leader's favorite birding spots in Weld and Morgan Counties. Meet at 0630 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, west of N. Colorado Blvd. and Montview. Bring lunch. State park pass required.

March 17, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Phil Hayes, 303-763-2813

Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

March 23, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194

Interested participants must call leader in advance for details.

March 24, Sunday (BOU)

Boulder/Lyons Excursion

Leader: Raymond Davis, 1-303-823-5332

Joint trip with Boulder Audubon Society. Possible Long-eared Owls and nesting Golden Eagles. Carpool from RTD Park-n-Ride at northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave. at 0745. Meet leader at 0830 at Stazio Field ballpark. From northbound US 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Ave., then east to 63rd St. (traffic light). Go north 1/2 mile to parking lot on left. Bring lunch and personal CB, if you have one.

March 30, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Walt Hackney, 303-750-2823

Meet at 0730 at west gate of park. Go east from Yosemite on Union, past Cherry Creek High School. At traffic light, turn right then left into park. Half day trip, lunch optional. State park pass required.

March 31, Sunday (EVR)

Morrison/Evergreen Loop

Leader: Fran Enright, 303-674-2657

Expect to see Wild Turkeys, bluebirds and a good selection of low mountain species. Meet at 0730 at Matthews-Winters Park. From west-bound I-70, take the Morrison exit at the hogback cut. Go south on CO 26, 1/2 mile, turn right into park. Meet at east end of paved lot. Carpooling is encouraged. Bring lunch. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

Scheduled by Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661

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Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

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1995 DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS COUNT

The 1995 Urban Denver Christmas Counts tallied 79 species (a bit above average) and 29,482 individuals (second lowest). Following these notes, you will find a summary opposite and following page.

A snowy day, light in the morning, heavy in the afternoon, led to low counts of most of the common birds. For 14 species, we recorded the lowest totals in the eight years of the Denver Urban Count. These included glamour species like Ferruginous and Rough-legged Hawks and American Kestrel, as well as more abundant species like Rock Dove, Northern Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Black-billed Magpie, European Starling and House Sparrow. Red-tailed Hawk and House Finch posted their second lowest totals. Of all species, 15 had above average numbers and 35 had below average counts, including seven of the ten most common species. Of the two exceptions, Gadwalls posted the highest count ever; Canada Geese went up 20 percent from average and Northern Shovelers went up 5 percent.

Each party had some best observations. I like best the story from Juliene Pimentel and Ursula Barsch, hiking Cherry Creek from the dam to University Blvd. In the afternoon after the snow began falling very heavily, they had to walk another two miles to their car. During the heavy snow, opposite the Cherry Creek Mall, of all places, they paused for five minutes to watch, at close range three Common Snipes feeding in the open. Here's your chance: Juliene plans to attend graduate school in some foreign state, starting next fall; you can enjoy that Cherry Creek hike next New Year's Day.

Walt Hackney found, for the second time in three years, a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on Wellshire Golf Course. The two Platte River groups found collectively 13 species which no other groups found, five for the south section, seven by the north section, and one by both.

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal group counted only one Ferruginous Hawk, but reported 22 Bald Eagles. The Arsenal now hosts about 60 on the refuge through mid-January. The Ferruginous Hawks have sought other feeding grounds due to a massive die-off of prairie dogs, but Arsenal personnel have instituted a feeding program for the eagles. You might find the Eagle Watch intriguing this winter.

We have now recorded 113 species on this count, but only 84 on the highest count. The snow caused drop in common birds caused the average for total birds to drop to the second lowest count we have seen.

Ann Bonnell and the Tuesday Birders had an experience on the count worth reporting. That raucous, rowdy group parked their cars on Lowry AFB (with permission) and went off on a search. The Denver Police saw the cars and sent three squad cars, lights flashing, to investigate. Ann hasn't explained to me why she left in her car, her nephew who does not speak English. Anyway, when the police asked why he was there, he answered "Bird-washing."

Thanks for your participation, this count has a wide diversity of habitats from very urban to fairly wild. Your contribution provides us with a surprising variety of birds in our urban environment.

Hugh Kingery

SPECIES	SPS	SPN	RMA	MBL	AUR	CCR	SDS	SDN	ZOO	PKH	FRM	CKS	CKN	FDR	TOTAL
Pied-billed Grebe	1		1												2
Dbl-crested Cormorant	1														1
Great Blue Heron	2														2
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5									1					6
Gtr. White-fronted Goose						1									1
Snow Goose								1						1	2
Ross' Goose								1							1
Canada Goose	1194	255	360	183	430	1250	1500	863	250	1385	2816	254	630	1853	13223
Wood Duck							17		2						19
Green-winged Teal	93	200	4		26	90					5				418
Mallard	404	125	7	2	90	440	6	32	330	44	49	208	150	58	1945
Northern Pintail	2	150							6				1		159
Northern Shoveler	429	600	2		2	5	21		8	5	20	6	176	18	1292
Gadwall	578	200	3		6	20			6				11		824
American Wigeon	69	30	10									25	5	72	211
Canvasback		1													1
Redhead			50			4							2		56
Ring-necked Duck	3	20	8				7			2				4	44
Lesser Scaup		6								2					8
Common Goldeneye	121	43	24		4	10	2		2	2	1	4	7	10	230
Barrow's Goldeneye	2	1													3
Bufflehead	1	3	1												5
Hooded Merganser	8	16				3									27
Common Merganser	1	18	6			240			4	7	40		4	1	321
Red-breasted Merganser	2														2
Duck species										38					38
Bald Eagle			5a17i												5a17i
Northern Harrier			3			1									4
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1					2						5	8
Red-tailed Hawk		2	3	7	4	6	1						1		24
"Harlan's" race		1													1
Ferruginous Hawk			1	1	5										7
Rough-legged Hawk			1												1
Buteo species											1				1
American Kestrel	3	2		2	1	2					3	1	2		16
Prairie Falcon		1		1											2
Ring-necked Pheasant			11	1		7									19

SPECIES	SPS	SPN	RMA	MBL	AUR	CCR	SDS	SDN	ZOO	PKH	FRM	CKS	CKN	FDR	TOTAL
Virginia Rail						10									10
American Coot		4	6			35	4								49
Killdeer	1	18			3							6	2		30
Common Snipe					2							3	1		6
Ring-billed Gull	358	200	10	3	29	9		26	20	61	23	141	105	41	1026
California Gull						1			1		1				3
Herring Gull		2				15							1		18
Gull species										55	21		2		78
Rock Dove	302	75	16	63	97	27		38	80	102	223	21	68	120	1232
Mourning Dove		4	3											1	8
Eastern Screech-Owl									1					1	2
Great Horned Owl					4	6								1	11
Short-eared Owl						1									1
Belted Kingfisher	5	5			4	1		2				1	1		19
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								1							1
Downy Woodpecker		2		1	4	3					1	4	1	3	19
Northern Flicker	5	8	14	8	5	10	4	12			12	3	4	29	114
Horned Lark			4			77									81
Blue Jay				4	6		2	9			1			18	40
Black-billed Magpie	17	20	55	67	81	36	11	43	19	42	87	22	18	56	574
American Crow	61	1		2	1			57	10	25	5	15	52	42	271
Black-capped Chickadee	17	6	9		14	12	3	6	3	2	11	2	5	32	122
Mountain Chickadee		1	2				1			2	1			4	11
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1											2	3
White-breasted Nuthatch										1			1	1	3
Brown Creeper						1		2			1		2		6
Marsh Wren						1									1
Golden-crowned Kinglet											5				5
Townsend's Solitaire							1								1
American Robin	1		10	5	11	3	6	10		1	10	12	5	47	121
American Pipit		1													1
Northern Shrike						2						1			3
European Starling	315	1000	50	675	216	150		162	224	244	166	17	7	173	3399
Rufous-sided Towhee														1	1
American Tree Sparrow	6	6	25	14	40	100					2				193
Swamp Sparrow		2													2
Song Sparrow	3	22	7	6	14	20	7	1			5	3	2		90
White-crowned Sparrow		53	4	2							5				64
Harris' Sparrow		1													1
Dark-eyed Junco									4	8	28		2	23	65
"White-winged" race					1	1									2
"Slate-colored" race		2	10			3								12	27
"Oregon" race	12	1	5		9	6	6	4				32	12	8	95
"Pink-sided" race			20		20	12							17	3	72
"Gray-headed" race							2				2				4
Red-winged Blackbird		7	35	6	95	80		1							224
Western Meadowlark			1	1	1	1									4
Brewer's Blackbird		1													1
House Finch	26	30	40	225	190	6	8	194	50	32		15	11	503	1330
American Goldfinch		2				10								3	15
House Sparrow	35	2	7	136	45		2	64	106	13	4	75	5	583	1077
TOTAL SPECIES	34	44	39	23	30	41	20	22	19	21	30	23	33	33	79
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	4083	3150	852	1415	1460	2718	1611	1531	1126	2073	3550	871	1313	3729	29482

**1995 BIRDING ADVENTURES
COMPILED BY GAIL EVANS**

FERD AND JO DIRCKX, ROBERT EVANS, SUE MARTIN, MYRNA STEINKAMP, SUZI PLOOSTER, MYRON PLOOSTER, CAROLINE RUST AND DAVID RHOADES all attended the Rio Grande Birding Festival in Harlingen, Texas in November. They found a grand total of 190 birds, including Greater Flamingo and Golden-crowned Warbler. When they weren't birding they were enjoying that wonderful Rio Grande border food.

BOB AND NANCY BIERLING reported a memorable birding experience they had in November, while sitting by a lake at Bosque del Apache in New Mexico at dusk watching waves of Snow Geese and Sandhill Cranes land in the water. After dark they heard a Western Screech-Owl calling and saw it silhouetted in a nearby tree. As car lights approached the owl flew and was joined in mid-air by 2 other owls, talons entangled, who appeared to be fighting over food.

They saw a second unusual sight in December when they stopped at McLellan Reservoir early in the morning to watch a Bald Eagle dive-bombing a flock of coots on a patch of open water. After repeated attacks, the eagle managed to injure one coot which he then pursued and plucked from the water. He carried it to some nearby ice and devoured it.

GAIL EVANS visited her daughter in North Carolina in late April where she added Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Swainson's Warbler and a male Bachman's Sparrow to her life list.

MYRIAM FRIGGENS wrote "On June 2nd, I had the thrilling experience of adding a King Rail to my life list entirely on my own. I saw the bird at Quivira NWR in Central Kansas. Extensive flooding in the area due to heavy rains had forced the bird out of its marshy habitat and it was just strolling along on the road. I also saw a mating pair of Least Bitterns and heard them cooing softly down in the reeds at

Cheyenne Bottoms. This bird was also a lifer for me".

MYRON PLOOSTER reported that 1995 was a pretty good year. While Colorado birding was not what it had been in 1994, he and Suzi made up for it by going on five out of state trips: Bosque del Apache in New Mexico in February; two days in September in Cape May, New Jersey; Monterey, California in October for Bob Righter's trip; the upper coast of Texas in Spring; and the Lower Rio Grande Valley in November. He saw 444 U.S. birds and 266 Colorado birds in 1995, plus 286 birds in Texas, and 160 birds in California. Myron's first day out on the water on the pelagic trip in California gave him his 500th U.S. life bird, a Buller's Shearwater, a milestone he said he would have savored more had he not been feeling quite so woozy at the time.

SUZI PLOOSTER reported that an injured knee and subsequent surgery slowed her down considerably last year, but even so she managed to see 277 Texas birds and add 36 life birds to her milestone of 500 achieved in November of 1994. She shared some of her "unexpected hazards of birding" on the road.

At their motel in Waco, Texas, a gal set up shop across the hall selling both drugs and herself. Police were there until 3:00 a.m. Myron slept through most of the excitement.

At their motel in Great Bend, Kansas, 20-30 people partied in the next room until 1:30 a.m. Myron snoozed through most of this too.

When they arrived at 8:30 p.m. at their deposit paid motel in Cape May, the owner was passed out drunk, and Myron was unable to wake her to get their key. As the only available room in town was the one they had reserved, they called police and at 11:00 p.m. finally got into their room. It poured three inches of rain that night.

While birding in the Botanic Garden in McAllen, Texas, Suzi came upon "an old codger" walking along the trail airing his private parts. Ever in command of the situation, she yelled at him from a safe distance and called him deeply humiliating names before hastening to

inform authorities. Myron who was birding another area of the park during her encounter with the over the hill nature boy, later wondered out loud why no one ever threw his/her clothes off in front of him.

JACK REDDALL wrote that he saw 513 species in the lower 48 states in 1995. Many of them on an eight week trip through the southwest that he took with Dorothy in the spring. The Flame-colored Tanager and Rufous-capped Warbler were memorable on that trip, but the highlight of the year was a bird that Jack said he had missed for 60 years, a Black-footed Albatross. He spotted it off the coast of California on Bob Righter's Monterey trip in October. In spite of all the traveling, Jack still checked off 304 species in Colorado for the year.

KARLEEN SCHOFIELD - A BIRDER'S DIARY FOR 1995

January 8, 1995. Found eight rare Harris' Hawks sitting on one telephone pole and Scott's Orioles flitting between palm trees at Borrego Springs, California, two days after feeding popcorn to a Black-footed Albatross from our boat off San Diego.

March 11, 1995. Watched Bohemian Waxwings flycatching from dead Lodgepole pines near a trail in Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

March 30-April 1, 1995. Ft. Parker State Park, Texas. Woke up at midnight to calling Barred Owls. My husband and I chased shadows of at least 4 of them until 2 a.m. hoping for a good look. More were at Brazos Bend State Park the next 2 days, along with Masked Ducks in breeding plumage.

April 6, 1995. Heavy rains in Galveston left flooded lawns in Kempner Park, simply heaven for eight wading Louisiana Waterthrush.

May 28-June 6, 1995. Spied moose, musk ox and grizzlies from our van and herded reindeer along the Taylor Road, north of Nome, Alaska; seawatching from Northwest Point near the Eskimo village of Gambell as hundreds of thousands of seabirds passed by each morning,

then on to the boneyards to search for Asian wanderers.

June 11, 1995. Also in Alaska, bushwhacked with Marlene through black spruce and willows for an eyeball to eyeball look at a Northern Hawk Owl.

June/July, 1995. A hiking trip to Scotland added Pied Wagtail, Song and Mistle Thrush, Buzzard, Brown Tree Pipit, Sedge Warbler, Bull Finch, Lapwing, Great Spotted Woodpecker plus 74 other species to my European list.

October 9, 1995. Sat on my stool in the burned area at Glacier Point, Yosemite National Park, before dawn, listening to a Flammulated Owl calling from the valley below. The early light brought a Pileated Woodpecker to a blackened tree to my right, its noisy greeting waking the Mountain Quail on the slopes behind me and arousing the curiosity of a White-headed Woodpecker, furtively moving among the trees below me. An hour later, a Black-backed Woodpecker drummed on a skeleton of a tree at the next trailhead. He kept circling the tree at my pace and stayed hidden until I outsmarted him by backtracking.

December 25, 1995. My husband gave me a flock of 40 Common Redpolls for Christmas, driving me to Pawnee National Grassland. The year ended with 610 ABA species and 379 on my Colorado life list.

BOB SPENCER says a big thank you to the members of DFO and CFO who helped him get 295 species in Colorado for 1995. Some of his favorites were an immature Whooping Crane landing among hundred's of Sandhill Cranes at Thurston Reservoir in March, a female Acorn Woodpecker west of Loveland, and seeing Joey Kellner's Ancient Murrelet through Glenn Hageman's Questar scope.

MORT STAATZ was frustrated in his birding efforts by health problems in 1995. However, 1996 is going to be different. He is sure of this because his first bird of the year, seen while getting out of bed, was a Varied Thrush scratching around under his back yard bird feeder, an omen too good to miss.



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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY-FEBRUARY 1996

February 3, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

0830-1130. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, calm, -10 to 20°F.

Observer: Buzz Schaumberg

32 species, 784 individuals

February 4, Sunday (PPW)

Plains Pathways

Leader: Jackie King

0800-1600. 84 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Cold early, clearing and warmer later, wind

northeast 2-5 mph, 21-58°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Karleen Schofield.

48 species, 2,903 individuals

February 10, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Edward Schaumberg

0800-1130. 2 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Mild early turning cold late, wind northwest

10-17 mph, 25-36°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Carolyn Cooley,

Katherine Hoover, Alberta Nelson, Helen

Standish. 29 species, 453 individuals

February 11, Sunday (VDT)

Fourth Annual Valentine's Day Trip, to include Thornton Reservoir, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area, Riverdale and Brighton Roads and Morgan Smith Nature Area.

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0830-1600. 40 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind south 0-3 mph, 20-56°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Donald W. Hall,

David Laliberte, Myron Plooster, Joe TenBrink.

46 species, 4,536 individuals

February 17, Saturday (FFO)

Foothills Foray, to include Mt. Falcon Park, Morrison Park, Red Rocks Park, Hayden/Green Mountain, Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Leader: David Laliberte

0800-1655. 55.2 miles by car, 3.4 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind southwest 0-3 mph, 40-65°F.

Observers: Jaymie Arnold, Ursula Barsch,

Bobby Compton, Carolyn Cooley, Gail Evans,

Warren Finch, Gregg Goodrich, Ed Holub, Tim

Mitzen, Brad Modesitt, Larry Modesitt, David

Quesenberry, Frances Sperl, Helen Standish,

Amy Young. 37 species, 404 individuals

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February 18, Sunday

(RFR)

Rambling for Raptors, Boulder Area

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster

0900-1500. 20 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to partly cloudy, wind west 0-30 mph,
50-60°F.

Observers: Don Beltz, Wes Beltz, Liz Bond,
Shoshona Cohen, Marlene Eggerling, Kathleen
Gibson, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Jackie King,
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Amy Young

49 species, 1,145 individuals.

February 24, Saturday

(CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Diana and Don Mullineaux

0800-1400. 20 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind west-southwest 3-15 mph,
40-60°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Vi Bossman,
Carolyn Cooley, Ruth Davis, Tammy Ferreira,
Peggy Gonder, Peter Lowen, Sig Nelson, Ric
Olson, Dave Quesenberry, Karleen Schofield,
Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Helen
Standish, Eleanor White, Dick Williams, Joe
TenBrink, Amy Young

32 species, 417 individuals.

February 25, Sunday

(SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Sherry Chapman

0830-1300. Zero miles by car, 2.4 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-6 mph, 42-59°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Anne Lucchesi,
Peter Mulholland, Jim Norton, Peter
Spanberger, Helen Standish, Ellen Theis

32 species, 746 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

February 6, Tuesday

(WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 40 observers.

0900-1230. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, wind west 15 mph, 40-54°F.

39 species, 1,219 individuals.

February 13, Tuesday (RRM)
Red Rocks and Morrison Parks
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.
0900-1200. 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, calm, 51-62°F.
18 species, 119 individuals.

February 20, Tuesday (BCP)
Bear Creek Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.
0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.
Cloudy, wind west 10-15 mph, 51-59°F.
29 species, 415 individuals.

February 27, Tuesday (CHA)
Chatfield State Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 5 observers.
0900-1400. 20 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly sunny, snow flurries, wind north
10-20 mph, 20-24°F.
31 species, 988 individuals.

Monna Krebs, compiler

RIGHTER-D.F.O. MARITIME TRIP AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 1

Thirteen ferry rides will expose participants to most of the Western Atlantic's pelagic birds as well as to hordes of confusing fall warblers.

Scenic charm was invented to describe this part of North America. Four nights will be on Grand Manan Island which is in the middle of the Bay of Fundy. All expenses will be shared. Approximate cost per birder could be \$700. This trip will be limited to eight birders. Call Bob Righter for details at 303-692-8529

COSTA RICA HIGHLIGHTS

315 species of birds were seen on Alicia and Dieter Kamm's trip to Costa Rica including 31 species of flycatchers and 22 hummingbirds.

Best liked birds were nine Resplendent Quetzals in one tree, Collared Aracari, Orange-collared Manakin, Black Hawk Eagle, Great Curassow, Green Honey Creeper and Crested Owl.

Participants were David Gulbenkian, Martha Gulbenkian, Ann Habeger, Tom Herbst, Bob Jickling, Pearl Jordan, Barbara Klaus, Virginia McIntyre, Ann Saul and Jerry Saul.

NEW AUDUBON FIELD NOTES EDITORS

Van A. Truan and Brandon K. Percival will be the new Mountain West Regional Editors for *Audubon Field Notes* magazine. They would like you to send them reports about birds you have seen by season. The seasons are Spring (March-May), Summer (June-July), Fall (August-November) and Winter (December-February). Reports are due:
Spring June 15, Summer August 15, Fall December 15, and Winter March 15.

Please include rare bird form on rare or unusual species that you've seen. The following information is important: species, dates, number, plumage, location, observers. Also the following information may be important: late dates, early dates, out of place species, out of season species, high counts of species, low counts of species.

Send reports to Van A. Truan, 1901 Court St., Pueblo, CO 81003, 719-543-4744.

DENVER AUDUBON 1996 ANNUAL DINNER

On May 3, Denver Audubon will be hosting its 1996 Annual Dinner at the Denver Hilton South, 7801 E. Orchard Rd.. Guest speakers will be the renowned birding and nature experts, Donald and Lillian Stokes. The Stokes have authored a number of notable birding books, including *The Bird Feeder Book*, *The Hummingbird Book*, *The Bluebird Book*, and Volumes One through Three of *A Guide to Bird Behavior*. The Stokes now have a new photographic field guide, *Stokes Field Guides to Birds* (both eastern and western regions).

Silent auction and cash bar begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner, awards and program begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$35 per member, \$45 per non-member. Phone 696-0877 for your reservation.

SPECIES	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27
	WRG	PPW	CCR	VDI	FFO	RFR	CSP	SPP	WRG	RRM	BCP	CHA
Pied-billed Grebe		1				1						
Horned Grebe						4						
Western Grebe						1						
Double-crested Cormorant						1						
Great Blue Heron				2	1		1	3			1	
Canada Goose	300	1033	25	920	100	140	118	525	316		53	211
Wood Duck	2											
Green-winged Teal	2	77	35	41			30	16	12		15	14
Mallard	120	54	50	22	40	22	37	37	168		91	20
Northern Pintail	1	46		29		26	4		2			
Blue-winged Teal		1										
Cinnamon Teal												2
Northern Shoveler	50	88	58	279		40	4	6	220		1	
Gadwall	5	52		31		9	4	4	2		1	8
American Wigeon	45	8	1	88		12			29			
Canvasback	3					30			2			
Redhead	20		6			260	16	14	32		4	380
Ring-necked Duck	17	40		42	12	10	2	6	8		5	1
Greater Scaup	1								1			
Lesser Scaup	20	1	2	95				2	12			
Oldsquaw				2				1				
Common Goldeneye	25	59	5	17	7	15	7	19	7			16
Barrow's Goldeneye				1								
Bufflehead				21				20	2			1
Hooded Merganser	6		1			12			16			
Common Merganser	14		2	52		30	12	37	20			17
Red-breasted Merganser									3			
Ruddy Duck	3								2			
Bald Eagle		6a2i	1	4a3i		2a2i	3					1
Northern Harrier		6	5			3		1				3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			1				1			
Cooper's Hawk						1						
Red-tailed Hawk		7	5	18	1	15		3		1	2	1
Western races							2					
"Harlan's" race							1				1	
Ferruginous Hawk		5	1	9		2						
Rough-legged Hawk		1		2		2		1				
Buteo species				2								
Golden Eagle		4			1	1i						
American Kestrel		5		2	1	6	1	4			4	
Merlin		1										
Peregrine Falcon		1										
Prairie Falcon		1						1				
Ring-necked Pheasant		4										
Virginia Rail	1											
American Coot	15		71		3	140	2	5	25		1	3
Killdeer		2		4				1				
Common Snipe		1		2							3	
Ring-billed Gull	30	17	18	36	21	15	61	3	121		2	8
Herring Gull	1			2			2					1
Gull species												6
Rock Dove	6	97		87	10	2	12	1	5	13	27	2
Eastern Screech-Owl									1			
Great Horned Owl		5		2								1
Belted Kingfisher		1		3				3			3	1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1i						
Downy Woodpecker			1		1	2	2		4		1	
Eastern races				1								

SPECIES	3	4	10	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27
	WRG	PPW	CCR	VDI	FFO	RFR	CSP	SPP	WRG	RRM	BCP	CHA
Hairy Woodpecker					2							
Northern Flicker	3	2				17			10	1	7	8
"Yellow-shafted" race												
"Red-shafted" race			1	2	2			6				
Horned Lark		131	20			30						
Steller's Jay					6	8				1		
Blue Jay	1	1		3	1	5			3		2	
Scrub Jay					25	3				11		
Black-billed Magpie	14	103	25	23	18	42	10	5	23	9	10	29
American Crow	2	9		1	7	3	5		7	4		1
Common Raven					4	1						1
Black-capped Chickadee	20	16	5	12	16	3	18	3	12	8	10	8
Mountain Chickadee					17	2	3					
Red-breasted Nuthatch						2	2					
White-breasted Nuthatch						2						
Pygmy Nuthatch					40							
Brown Creeper					2				2			
Rock Wren				1								
Canyon Wren					1					2		
Marsh Wren			1									
Wren species									1			
American Dipper					3					2		
Mountain Bluebird												141m 21
Townsend's Solitaire					12					3		
American Robin		1	1	2	3	8		1		1	8	2
Northern Shrike			2		1		1					
European Starling	10	431	20	1945	7	33	15	3	49	4	75	32
Rufous-sided Towhee						1			1	1		
American Tree Sparrow		21	4	3	2		27	3			12	43
Song Sparrow	12	19	15	16	2		1	1	11	1	5	2
Lincoln's Sparrow											1	
White-crowned Sparrow				1								
Dark-eyed Junco		14		1	20	65	1		15	25	4	14
"Slate-colored" race		3										
"Oregon" race		5										
"Pink-sided" race		7										
Red-winged Blackbird		188	70	560		25	10	8	14		27	8
Western Meadowlark		69		4			2					
Brewer's Blackbird		49		26								
Great-tailed Grackle		22										
House Finch	10	14		41	7	53		3	23	28	23	
Pine Siskin					2	5						
American Goldfinch	20	22	2						22			
House Sparrow	5	151		76	5	30			15	5	16	
TOTAL SPECIES	32	48	29	45	37	49	32	32	39	18	29	31
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	784	2903	453	4536	404	1145	417	746	1219	119	415	988

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - FEBRUARY 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	2/8	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Ross Goose	2/6	1	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Oldsquaw	2/18	1f	Thornton Water Supply Reservoir	Adams	Sherry Chapman
	2/25	1i	Thornton Water Supply Reservoir	Adams	Tony Leukering, Jim Bradley
Barrow's Goldeneye	2/6	1	McLellan Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Bald Eagle	2/15	1a	Estes Park	Larimer	Susan Ward
Northern Goshawk	2/17	1am	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Tony Leukering, Frank Hein
	2/18-19	1i	East of Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Karleen Schofield
Peregrine Falcon	2/22	1	Pueblo	Pueblo	Van Truan
Sage Grouse	2/14	70	Arapahoe NWR	Jackson	Dan Bridges
Glaucous Gull	2/18	1fw	Lake Henry	Crowley	Mark Janos
Great Black-backed Gull	2/8-2/23	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	2/20	1wa	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	David Laliberte
	2/25	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering, Jim Bradley
Greater Roadrunner	2/9	2	Two Buttes SWA	Prowers	Dan Bridges
Long-eared Owl	2/11	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	2/18	1h	Castlewood Canyon	Douglas	Dan Bridges
	2/22	4	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Sherry Chapman, Jim Norton
Northern Saw-whet Owl	2/11	1d	1 mile east of Ordway on CO 96	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	2/18	2h	Castlewood Canyon SWA	Douglas	Dan Bridges
Three-toed Woodpecker	2/17	1m	Little Horseshoe Park, Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Dan Bridges
Bushtit	2/15	8	Fountain Creek Regional Park	El Paso	Dan Bridges
	2/17	17	Dinosaur Ridge	Jefferson	Tony Leukering
Rock Wren	2/18	1	3/4 mile south of 88th St. Bridge at South Platte River	Adams	Sherry Chapman
Mountain Bluebird	2/22	1m	4 miles northwest of Orchard	Weld	Sherry Chapman, Jim Norton
	2/25	1m	Winkler Ranch	Douglas	Sherry Chapman, Jim Norton
Bohemian Waxwing	2/16	40	Mt. Falcon Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield, David Laliberte
Cedar Waxwing	2/20	7	Estes Park	Larimer	Susan Ward
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race	2/1-29	4	2929 University Ave., Longmont	Boulder	Virginia Dionigi, mo
Golden-crowned Sparrow	2/18	1	Bear Creek Nature Center	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
Harris' Sparrow	2/21&24	1	1420 Juniper Dr.	Larimer	Susan Ward
	2/26-27	1a	19491 E. 128th Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering
Great-tailed Grackle	1/21-2/6	22-40	E. 152nd Ave. and Piccadilly Rd.	Adams	Karleen Schofield, Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler
	2/26	74	E. 152nd Ave. and Piccadilly Rd.	Adams	Tony Leukering
Common Grackle	2/25	3m	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Tony Leukering, Jim Bradley
Brown-capped Rosy Finch	2/29	30-40	Ward feeders	Boulder	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
Pine Grosbeak	2/29	8	Ward feeders	Boulder	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch
Common Redpoll	2/17	25	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Dan Bridges
	2/21	8	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Dan Bridges
	2/29	1m1f	Ward feeders	Boulder	Karleen Schofield, Warren Finch

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

On May 11 birders from across the continent will join in welcoming hundreds of migratory bird species to their North American breeding grounds by celebrating International Migratory Bird Day.

It is time for DFO members who already know the wonder of birds to share their enthusiasm with others in the community. The celebration was established by Partners in Flight whose mission is to maintain populations of migratory birds.

DFO is a participating member of Colorado Partners in Flight and sends a representative to their quarterly meeting held in Denver. The group is made up of government and non government organizations seeking to coordinate and support efforts being made locally and internationally to protect habitat, to monitor bird populations and to further research programs.

Be on the lookout for field trips, educational programs, posters, T-shirts and mugs being sold to commemorate this annual event.

FEBRUARY DONATIONS TO RBA

Kurt Hebner, Stacy Lyon
Diane Hutton
Tony Leukering
Charles and Mary Metzger
Ira Sanders
Norman and Virginia Torrey
Chris Wood

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Norman and Virginia Torrey

1996 PRAIRIE-CHICKEN AND GROUSE UPDATE

Lesser Prairie-Chicken

The US Forest Service has been making improvements this winter to county roads near the public lek located 14 miles east of Campo in

Baca County. The parking lot has received attention, new signs have been posted and the viewing blind remodeled. It will now accommodate four people. A portable blind for the handicapped is also available if arranged through the Springfield office of the Forest Service. Best viewing is at sunrise mid-March to mid-May with the females joining the males in April.

Reservations must be made for the viewing blind and parking is limited. If going on a weekend, it might be wise to check with the office about numbers of people expected on a given day. You must remain in your car if not in the blind. There is no fee. A late afternoon visit is an option. For complete lek information, camping suggestions, and road conditions contact:

Comanche National Grasslands
US Forest Service
PO Box 127
Springfield, CO 81073
719-523-6591

Cindy Callahan can help you Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. A weekend contact is Andy Hough (pronounced "how"), District Wildlife Manager, 719-523-4151 (home). The key to the blind must be picked up from the Springfield office or from Andy. A 1/2 inch = 1 mile scale grassland map is available for \$3.00. A free birding checklist is available on request. Lodging is available in Lamar and Springfield.

Lesser Prairie-chickens are more numerous on the Cimarron National Grassland in Southwestern Kansas. For information contact: Kerry Willimon at Elkhart, Kansas, 316-697-4612.

Greater Prairie Chicken

The East Yuma County Historical Society of Wray, and the Colorado Department of Wildlife have scheduled six trips to a lek viewing blind on private property near Wray. Dates are March 29-31, April 12-14, and April 19-21, two trips each weekend. The basic trip cost with breakfast is \$30 per person; the expanded tour

with meals and lodging is \$120-\$130 per person. An evening program is included with both trips.

For more information, a motel list and reservations, contact:

Wray Museum
PO Box 161
Wray, CO 80758
970-332-5063

If making your own arrangements, early reservations are recommended for both tour and lodging. There are six or seven lodging options.

Sage Grouse

Past public lek areas in Jackson County have been at Coalmont, off CO 14, southwest of Walden and at Delaney Butte Lakes SWA, west of Walden. Sightings in these areas may be unpredictable due to recreationists in the area who disturb the birds. If going on your own, a weekday visit might be best.

Another option is to join the North Park Chamber of Commerce and Colorado Department of Wildlife on one of four trips scheduled to a private lek for the weekends of April 26-28 and May 3-5. Cost is \$100 for couples, double occupancy, \$56 per person, single occupancy. Prices include a meal, lodging, and evening program. Contact:

North Park Chamber of Commerce
491 Main
Walden, CO 80480
970-723-4600

There are seven lodging options in Walden.

The above information was provided by the US Forest Service, Springfield; Jennifer Slater, DOW, Lamar; Jim Dennis, DOW, Fort Collins; and North Park Chamber of Commerce.

Information compiled by Karleen Schofield.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jan Baucum	3192 S. Fillmore St., Denver, 80210	303-758-6124
Eugene Hill	13376 Clarkson Ct., Thornton, 80241	303-252-8890
Barb Holme	3944 S. Depew Way, Denver, 80235	303-763-8213
Lilian Koenigsberg	1461 Westview Dr., Boulder, 80303	303-494-0244
William S. Kossack	11173 W. 17th Ave., #5-205, Lakewood, 80215	303-462-0757
John T. McBride, Jr.	507 25th St., Ogden, Utah, 84401-2450	-----
Lee and Gayla Stone	14675 W. 58th Pl., Arvada, 80004-3717	303-422-3382
Joy Swanson	PO Box 773856, Steamboat Springs, 80477	970-879-2488

ELISSA AND JON McALEAR SHARE COSTA RICA HIGHLIGHTS

DFO members, Elissa and Jon McAlear forwarded this note to Gail Evans as part of Gail's project wherein members could share their 1995 birding adventures.

Dear Birding Friends,

The most exciting and interesting birding adventure Jon and I took in 1995.

In late March we went on an eight day birding trip to Costa Rica with eighteen birding/painting friends. We traveled by bus with a marvelous driver/super birder, Santiago. We left San Jose and traveled up the west coast, then headed into the mountains to spend three and a half days at a lodge near the Monte Verde Cloud Forest at 5,000 feet elevation. I had spent the month prior to our trip studying *A Guide to the Birds of Costa Rica* by Stiles and Skutch, as there are more than 820 species possible to see. We saw such birds as the three Wattled Bellbird, Violet Sabrewing, trogons, numerous tanagers, Motmots, parrots, parakeets, Oropendulas and the Resplendent Quetzal. We saw seventeen varieties of hummingbirds, emeralds, mountaingems, hermits and woodstars. We went to the hummingbird museum and watched birds coming to the feeders twelve inches from our noses, this is in the forest but you can drive up fairly close and then walk a short distance where they have the feeders, benches to sit on and there are no fences or cages. We also saw the Morpho butterfly that has a wingspread of about eight inches which are iridescent blue on the top but a beautiful less obvious brown pattern when the wings are closed. The butterflies and birds were almost unbelievable in their variety, color and beauty.

We stayed at Hotel De Montana Monteverde, a nice lodge where we had a cabin with running water and a bath. The meals were served in the dining hall family style and we had good food, creative squash soups and rice and beans were part of every meal. The water and food was safe everywhere we stayed.

Santiago drove us from Monte Verde over the continental divide, we lunched at La Fortuna near Arenal Volcano, around the lake, on the way to Selva Verde Lodge on the east side of the mountains. Although the miles weren't many, it took us seven hours as the roads are so rough and grow rocks/boulders as a result of the rains washing away any dirt from the road bed. The roads are very narrow and where they are paved roads, the yellow lines on curves are considered a challenge to the natives to pass anyone in their path by crossing the lines and racing past, even if you can not see that it is clear. The scenery was beautiful, varied and interesting.

Selva Verde Lodge is on a river in the rain forest on the Caribbean side and at a few hundred feet of elevation. The lodge is built with the rooms constructed in quads on stilts about six feet above the ground since it rains many inches every day. There are covered walkways between the units and dining hall. We were served meals buffet style and the food was somewhat different from what we had in Monte Verde. We birded in the rain and went to several preserves and a research station. We were able to watch a river otter playing in the river by the lodge and a sloth went up the trees next to the lodge's deck.

Our last afternoon before heading back to San Jose we went on a rafting trip on the Sarapiquí River. It was a blast. We even enjoyed the pouring rain as the river water flowed through the bottom of our raft while we watched birds, monkeys, and the local people washing their clothing in the river.

Our last stop before San Jose was at the Rainforest Aerial Tram. A remarkable accomplishment by Dr. Perry of installing a tram system without roads or cutting down trees. The tram is about a quarter of a mile long with open gondolas carrying four or five people with a guide in each traveling up in the mid level of the rain forest where we saw vanilla vines, fern trees, orchids and bromeliads. Philodendrons with leaves three by five feet each grow up the tree trunks. We saw many plants growing in the wild that we struggle to grow at home. The return trip is through the forest canopy and the tree tops about 150 feet above the forest floor. Because of the slow speed and scenery, you do not feel like you are up so high. They provide heavy yellow slickers as it poured rain all afternoon. A scientist, Dr. Perry was one of the people who started researching the forest and came up with the aerial tram concept that really

I ended up with 240 species of over 820 possible and only twenty were neo-tropicals which I had seen before. It was really a memorable and fun trip. We both hope to be able to go back to Costa Rica and visit other areas. The people were very friendly, interested in education and preservation of the environment and truly respect for what they have rather than destroying it.

Beside the birds, we saw many wild animals including monkeys, sloths, iguanas, river otter, etc., to name a few.

Elissa and Jon McAlear, Arvada

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

April 6, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947

Meet at 0800 at Prospect Lake parking lot at 44th and Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional.

April 7, Sunday

Easter Sunday - no trip planned

April 13, Saturday (REY)

Reynolds Park

Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682

Meet at 0730 at Park-n-Ride at Wadsworth Blvd. south of US 285. Will bird at Buffalo and Pine also. Call leader if not meeting at Park-n-Ride. Bring lunch.

April 14, Sunday (DOU)

Doudy Draw

Leaders: Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, 303-494-6708

Meet to carpool at 0730 at Wadsworth Blvd. and Vance St. Meet leaders at 0800 on north side of US Department of Commerce Boulder Laboratories. From US 36 take Baseline exit and turn left at next light, and left again at the next light, cross street at next light onto lab grounds. Bring lunch.

April 20, Saturday (BCR)

Bear Creek, plains to foothills

Leader: Cal Wichern 303-693-3718

Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of South Sheridan Blvd., north of US 285 (Hampden Ave). Bring lunch.

April 21, Sunday (HDP)

Highline Canal, Daniel's Park

Leader: Ruth Breckon, 303-455-0970

Depending on weather, will visit McLellan Reservoir and Gregory Canyon. Meet leader at 0730 at Albertson's on the northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. Bring lunch.

April 27, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ira Sanders, 303-278-7172

Meet leader at 0730 at the Barr Lake State Park Nature Center. Lunch optional. State park pass required.

April 28, Sunday (WHR)

White Ranch Open Space

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381

Meet to carpool at 0600 at Park-n-Ride at Ward Rd. just north of I-70. Displaying blue grouse possible. Steep trail. Half day trip, lunch optional. Bring water.

April 28, Sunday (MIR)

Milton Reservoir

Leader: Ric Olson, 303-790-7753

Leader has access to this private reservoir. Meet at 0700 at Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 N. Broadway. You will need waterproof footwear. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Pearl Jordan 303-987-2802

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip.

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 1, 1996

Program: "Spring Migration at the Dry Tortugas"

A one hour video presentation by Don and Karis Herriott

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY-MARCH 1996

March 2, Saturday (FEF)

Feeder Frolic, to include Littleton and Deer Creek

Leader: Bob Spencer

0800-1500. 35 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 30-45°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Ursula Barsch, Bob Evans, Jean Frasier, Ruth Holland, Gil Jackson, Jean Jackson, Pearl Jordan, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Mort Staatz, Jean Tarbel, Amy Young.

31 species, 355 individuals.

March 3, Sunday (WEN)

Ward, Eldora and Nederland, to search for Rosy Finches

Leader: Warren Finch

0900-1230. 40 miles by car, zero miles on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 5-30 mph, 20-40°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Carolyn Cooley, Bob Evans, Lois Foreman, Myriam Friggens, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Pearl Jordan, Bill Kossack, David Laliberte, Peter Lowen, Richard Mendez, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Chris Owens, Dave Quesenberry

Donna Randolph, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer.

20 species, 154 individuals.

March 6, Wednesday (PTA)

Heading for Ptarmigan Territory

Leader: Dick Schottler

Trip canceled due closure of Guanella Pass.

March 9, Saturday (VAL)

Valmont Reservoir, to include Sombrero Marsh and Teller Lakes.

Leader: Bill Kaempfer

0800-1130, 8.0 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Fair, calm, 50°F.

Observers: Jan Baucum, Carolyn Cooley, Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Myriam Friggens, Joanne Haller, Rick Harner, Peter Lowen, Ed McConkey, Myron Plooster.

42 species, 609 individuals.

March 10, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes

0800-1200. 9 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

THE LARK BUNTING

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Partly cloudy, mild. Wind south 0-5 mph,
47-67°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Andrews,
Ursula Barsch, Carolyn Bartell, Doris Cruze,
Warren Finch, John Hoover, Katie Hoover,
Pearl Jordan, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens.
44 species, 449 individuals.

March 16, Saturday (NEC)

*Hawk Run, to include Weld and Morgan
County Roads to Bijou Reservoir, Canfield
Park, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Lake State
Park*

Leader: Jack Reddall

0630-1630. 197 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Overcast to partly cloudy, wind northwest
8-24 mph, 40-52°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Glenn Hageman,
Jeane Hageman, Don Hall, Rick Harner, Richard
Mendez, Christie Owens, Ed Schaumberg, Arnie
Silverman, Anne Southcott, Chuck Walters.
57 species, 5,819 individuals.

March 17, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Phil Hayes

0800-1030. One mile by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Overcast with some driving snow, wind north
5-25 mph, 31-34°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Karin
Donnerstag, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Peter
Lowen, Dave Quesenberry, Karleen Schofield,
Helen Standish.
31 species, 521 individuals.

March 23, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leaders: Ed Holub and Dave Rhoades

0735-1440. 38 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Mostly clear turning mostly cloudy, wind west
0-15 mph, 37-66°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Ruth Holland,
Elizabeth Kreider, Kent Kreider, David
Laliberte, Peter Lowen, Larry Modisett, Helen
Standish, Joyce Takamine, Eleanor White.
52 species, 1,847 individuals.

March 24, Sunday (BOU)

Boulder/Lyons Excursion

Leader: Raymond Davis

Canceled due inclement weather.

March 30, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0730-1245. 11 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Overcast to sunny, wind north 0-2 mph,

30-54°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Peggy Gonder, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Peter Lowen, Sig Nelson, Helen Standish, Joe TenBrink.

38 species, 1,789 individuals.

March 31, Sunday (EVR)

Morrison/Evergreen Loop to include Kerr Gulch Road, Filius Park, Evergreen Lake and Lair o' the Bear Park

Leader: Fran Enright

0730-1400. 26 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, calm, 32-58°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Jessie Davis, Kathe Davis, Myriam Friggens, Katheryn Hoover, Karleen Schofield, Diane Sinnhold, Mort Staatz, Dorothy Sutherlin, Jean Tarbel, Amy Young.

28 species, 271 individuals.

INDEPENDENT TRIP

March 23, Saturday (IND)

Northeastern Colorado to include, Sterling Cemetery, Red Lion SWA, Jumbo Reservoir SWA and Tamarack Ranch SWA

0500-1700. 378 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy in a.m., high overcast in p.m. with blowing dust, wind northeast 5-35 mph, 35-65°F.

Observer: Jack Reddall

61 species, 31,767 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

March 5, Tuesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 45 observers.

0900-1230. 20 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly sunny, wind northeast 10 mph, 38-50°F.

37 species, 478 individuals.

March 12, Tuesday (BCP)

Bear Creek Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 51 observers.

0900-1200. 7 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly sunny, wind north 4 mph, 50-55°F.

30 species, 190 individuals.

March 19, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers.

0900-1200. 10 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, calm, 40°F.

30 species, 403 individuals.

March 26, Tuesday (WSP)

Walden and Sawmill Ponds

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 40-45°F.

36 species, 589 individuals.

**RIGHTER-D.F.O. MARITIME TRIP
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 1**

Thirteen ferry rides will expose participants to most of the Western Atlantic's pelagic birds as well as to hordes of confusing fall warblers.

The term "scenic charm" was invented to describe this part of North America. Four nights will be on Grand Manan Island which is in the middle of the Bay of Fundy.

All expenses will be shared. Approximate cost per birder could be \$700. This trip will be limited to eight birders. Call Bob Righter for details at 303-692-8529

SPECIES	2 FEF	3 WEN	9 VAL	10 CSP	16 NEC	17 WRG	23 RMA	30 CCR	31 EVR	23 IND	5 CSP	12 BCP	19 CCR	26 WSP
Pied-billed Grebe			6				1	1		1				5
Horned Grebe			3	1	2		2	17		20		2		
Eared Grebe												1		
Western Grebe			6					1						
Clark's Grebe			1											
American White Pelican										3				
Double-crested Cormorant			5	4	1			7					1	
Great Blue Heron	1			6n	1		1	2		3		1		1
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1					4						
Mute Swan	3													
Snow Goose														
"White" morph					900					2000				
"Blue" morph					10					10				
Canada Goose	23		24	25	600	70	130	5		50	50	32	3	45
Wood Duck	20				3m1f									
Green-winged Teal			12	45	5	1	35	18	2	900	14	10	42	6
Mallard	50		12	18	500	115	90	22	39	300	8	11	6	40
Northern Pintail			12	11	600		25			1400	8			5
Cinnamon Teal				3	1m						2			
Northern Shoveler			6	4		75	3	39		3300	4		1	
Gadwall			2	10	10	3	80	120		2600	50	1	32	5
American Wigeon	20		5	8	3	45	10	40		600	2			30
Canvasback			35		20		1			4000				5
Redhead			120	15	35	50	200	41		3000	6		18	80
Ring-necked Duck			10		40		100			50	1			95
Lesser Scaup			18		600	30	210	250		8000			8	27
Common Goldeneye			4	4	30	22	10	7		800	8	6	3	10
Bufflehead	2		12	4	3m1f		2			2500	2			15
Hooded Merganser			6	3		5					1			5
Common Merganser			30	30	500		40			50	7	13		
Red-breasted Merganser				1		1m								
Ruddy Duck					1f	2				80				
Osprey				1										
Bald Eagle			1	1a	4a1i		1			1i	1			
Northern Harrier			1		1m2f		5	3		3	1		4	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1			1				2				
Cooper's Hawk										1				
Northern Goshawk					1i									
Accipiter species				1										
Red-tailed Hawk			3	4				4	3		5	3		1
Western races	3				9		11			25		2		
"Harlan's" race														
Ferruginous Hawk			1							2				
Rough-legged Hawk					4		1			3		1		
Golden Eagle			2		1a							1		
American Kestrel	1		1	1	15		6	2		16	2	2		
Prairie Falcon				1			1			1	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant					1m		2			1m3f			2	
Wild Turkey					32				19					
Virginia Rail						1h		2,1h					1	
American Coot			120	3	10	20	200	783		500			200	65
Killdeer				1			8	11		12				2
Greater Yellowlegs							1							
Lesser Yellowlegs							1							3
Baird's Sandpiper							2							
Common Snipe					1									3
Franklin's Gull										1				2

SPECIES	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	30	31	23	5	12	19	26
	FEF	WEN	VAL	CSP	NEC	WRG	RMA	CCR	EVR	IND	CSP	BCP	CCR	WSP
Ring-billed Gull			20	65	900	20	4	26		250	25	1	10	60
Herring Gull			2	40				6		2			1	
Rock Dove	10		35	2	50	1	6	18	10	8	19		2	
Mourning Dove						1	3							
Great Horned Owl	1				4		1	3a2i			2	2	2	
Burrowing Owl							1							
Long-eared Owl					4		2							
Belted Kingfisher										2	1	1	1	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker										1m				
Downy Woodpecker							1							
"Rocky Mountain" race	3	1							4					
Eastern races										1				
Hairy Woodpecker							1							
"Rocky Mountain" race	2	1							3					
Eastern races										1				
Northern Flicker			1							7	6	11	2	2
"Yellow-shafted" race														
"Red-shafted" race	4			2	7	5	6	2	4					
Say's Phoebe														1
Horned Lark				1	130		5			15	3			
Steller's Jay	5	12							1,1h					
Blue Jay	2				4	1h								
Scrub Jay	5													
Clark's Nutcracker		2												
Black-billed Magpie	11		12	20	8	9	45	28	1	12	64	13	15	
American Crow	7	3	3	55	3	1h	4	2	44	2	30	4	3	6
Common Raven	1	3	1	2					10		2	2		
Black-capped Chickadee	14	2	4	8	4	2	3	4		3	10	14	8	
Mountain Chickadee	20	30							25					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	10			1									
White-breasted Nuthatch	4	3			1				2					
Pygmy Nuthatch									12					
Brown Creeper		1			1								1	
American Dipper									3			1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1								
Western Bluebird									9					
Mountain Bluebird				4	30		4		9				6	17
Townsend's Solitaire				1					2	1				
American Robin	9		1	2	15	3	120	106	14	75	3	8	1	15
American Pipit										50				
Northern Shrike					1a					1a	1			
European Starling	31		12	60	250	18	150	85	8	400	82	15	8	5
Rufous-sided Towhee	1											1		
American Tree Sparrow		1		4			4	2		15	27	7	12	4
Savannah Sparrow										1				
Song Sparrow			4	5	9	4	18	12	1	2	2	9	7	1
Lincoln's Sparrow														1
White-crowned Sparrow								3						
"Gambel's" race					3									
Dark-eyed Junco								7				11		3
"White-winged" race	2	1												
"Slate-colored" race														
"Oregon" race	11	2			10		5	10		5				
"Pink-sided" race	3	5				1	60			15				
"Gray-headed" race	7	3							2					
Red-winged Blackbird		2	6	5	300	4	125	89	3		23	2	2	20
Western Meadowlark				3	15		30	9	1	60	2	2	1	
Brewer's Blackbird										60				
Black Rosy Finch		1												

SPECIES	2	3	9	10	16	17	23	30	31	23	5	12	19	26
	FEF	WEN	VAL	CSP	NEC	WRG	RMA	CCR	EVR	IND	CSP	BCP	CCR	WSP
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch		8												
Pine Grosbeak		10												
Cassin's Finch									1					
House Finch	26		10	2	10	3	50		34	20	3			1
Common Redpoll		3												
Pine Siskin	7	20							4	4				
American Goldfinch	9			1	40									
Evening Grosbeak		30												
House Sparrow	35		40		30	6	10	5		15				
TOTAL SPECIES	31	20	42	44	57	31	52	38	28	61	37	30	30	36
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	355	154	609	449	5819	521	1847	1789	271	31767	478	190	403	589

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - MARCH 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	3/31	2b	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Clark's Grebe	3/3	3	Lake Henry	Crowley	Dan Bridges
	3/10	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
American White Pelican	3/3	10	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Dan Bridges
	3/10	45	Upper Queens SWA	Kiowa	Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman
	3/10	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Snow Goose					
White morph	3/10	10500	Thurston SWA	Prowers	Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman
Blue morph	3/10	50			
Ross' Goose	3/10	3a	Upper Queens SWA	Kiowa	Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman
	3/10	2a	Thurston SWA	Prowers	As above
	3/10	15	West of Fowler	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Blue-winged Teal	3/10	1m	Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Cinnamon Teal	3/10	1m	Las Animas	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Greater Scaup	3/14	3m	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	3/31	1m	Quincy Ponds	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Oldsquaw	3/3	1	So. of Carson Nature Center	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Barrow's Goldeneye	3/7-29	1m1f	Lake Estes	Larimer	Susan Ward
Ferruginous Hawk					
Rufous morph	3/1-15	1	156th Ave. at York St.	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Golden Eagle	3/1	1	Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Susan Ward
Peregrine Falcon	3/17	1l	160th Ave. at Huron St.	Adams	Joe TenBrink
	3/21	2	1420 Juniper Dr., Estes Park	Larimer	Susan Ward
White-tailed Ptarmigan	3/10	9	Guanella Pass	Clear Creek	Dan Bridges
	3/12	11	Guanella Pass	Clear Creek	W.W. Brockner, Keith Engstrom, Sandra Tholen
Northern Bobwhite	3/14	20	Muir Springs Park	Morgan	Dan Bridges
Whooping Crane	3/21	1	Monte Vista NWA	Rio Grande	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire
Sandhill Crane	3/3	500	Thurston Reservoir	Prowers	Dan Bridges
	3/10	2300	Upper Queens SWA and Thurston SWA	Kiowa Prowers	Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman
American Avocet	3/28	30	128th Ave. at York St.	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Greater Yellowlegs	3/3	1	Upper Queens SWA	Kiowa	Dan Bridges
	3/10	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Willet	3/31	1	East of Rd. 47 on Rd. 40	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Semipalmated Sandpiper	3/25	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joe TenBrink, Bob Brown
Common Snipe	3/23	2	Lake Estes	Larimer	Susan Ward
Thayer's Gull	3/31	1a	Mile High Flea Market	Adams	Tony Leukering
Great Black-backed Gull	3/1	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Band-tailed Pigeon	3/10	2	Conifer	Jefferson	Merlynn Brown

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Greater Roadrunner	3/2	1	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Dan Bridges
Short-eared Owl	3/9	1	Bonny Reservoir SRA	Yuma	Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman
	3/21	1	Monte Vista NWA	Rio Grande	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire
Boreal Owl	3/27	1h	Route 14, Mile 61, 6 miles east of Gould	Jackson	Dan Bridges
• Acorn Woodpecker	3/29	1	Meadow Rd. (CR 142), Durango	La Plata	Dan Bridges
Williamson's Sapsucker	3/31	1	Evergreen	Jefferson	W.W. Brockner
Black Phoebe	3/28	1	Uravan bridge	Montrose	Dan Bridges
Eastern Phoebe	3/21	1	Carizzo picnic ground	Baca	Dan Bridges
Carolina Wren	3/9	1	Beulah	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea (F)
Mountain Bluebird	3/10	400	Near Fondis	Elbert	Joe TenBrink
Varied Thrush	3/1-31	1	West of Evergreen	Jefferson	W.W. Brockner, Les Sylvester, Martha Sylvester
Curve-billed Thrasher	3/7-10	up to 2	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Cedar Waxwing	3/13	8	Estes Park	Larimer	Susan Ward
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	3/10	1	Old Stage Rd.	Boulder	Suzi Plooster, Myron Plooster, D.W. King
Sage Sparrow	3/9	2s	10 miles south of Fort Gariand, 1/4 mile west on Rd. W.5	Costilla	Dan Bridges
Lincoln's Sparrow	3/1	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
White-throated Sparrow	3/20	1	Bear Creek at Estes St.	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Harris' Sparrow	3/1-31	1a	19491 W. 128th Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering
McCown's Longspur	3/10	2	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Lapland Longspur	3/10	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Great-tailed Grackle	3/1-24	35	152nd Ave. at Piccadilly Rd.	Adams	Tony Leukering
	3/11	100	Feedlot on CO Hwy 194, 2 miles east of Las Animas	Bent	Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman
Red Crossbill	3/25	8	Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Susan Ward

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature,
d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage,
w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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SILVERMAN NOTCHES 700th ABA BIRD

Congratulations to DFO Member David Silverman of Rye for listing his 700th ABA bird on March 10, 1996. David checked Great Gray Owl off of his list while in Minnesota on a birding trip with Karleen Schofield.

MARCH DONATIONS TO RBA

Barb Holme
Dan and Renee Brachear

INTERNATIONAL DAWN CHORUS DAY

At dawn on Sunday May 5, people around the world will embark on an annual outdoor adventure. They'll gather outside with family and friends, or simply open the windows of their homes, to enjoy the chorus of bird songs and the beauty of a spring morning.

For the fourth year, the Colorado Urban Wildlife Partnership is sponsoring the Dawn Chorus celebration in Colorado. Bring your friends and join us at any of the group gathering locations listed below. Plan to arrive by 5:45 a.m. to settle in for quiet listening by 6:00 a.m. Naturalists will be on hand to help identify birds.

The Partnership also invites you to listen from your home. If you do, please call 303-538-6622 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and noon on May 5 and, at the end of Roger Tory Peterson's message, record the number of different birds you heard or saw. The results will be compiled to help the Partnership keep track of Colorado's songbirds.

Group Gathering Locations:

Barr Lake State Park

13401 Piccadilly Rd.
Brighton, 303-659-6005

Beidleman Environmental Center

740 W. Caramillo St.
Colorado Springs, 719-578-7088

Castlewood Canyon

Meet at Visitor's Center
Three miles south of Franktown on CO 83
303-688-5242

Chatfield Arboretum

Meet at Nature Center
S. Wadsworth at Deer Creek Canyon
Littleton, 303-973-3705

Cherry Creek State Park

4201 S. Parker Rd.
Aurora, 303-699-3860 x728

Colorado River State Park

361 32 Rd.
Clifton, 970-434-3388

CSU Environmental Learning Center

On Drake, 1/2 mile east of Timberline
Ft. Collins, 970-491-2687

Denver Museum of Natural History

Denver Zoo and Denver Audubon Society
Meet at west entrance to Museum
303-370-8299

Evergreen Lake

Evergreen Naturalists
303-674-4851

Jefferson County Open Space

Two locations
Register through Lookout Mountain
303-526-0594

Lory State Park

708 Lodgepole Dr.
Bellvue, 970-493-1623

Pueblo Zoo

3455 Nuckolls Ave.
Pueblo, 719-561-1452

Ridgeway State Park

28555 US 550
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Roxborough State Park

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South Platte Park

Santa Fe Dr. and Mineral Ave.
Littleton, 303-730-1022

Walden Ponds

North of Valmont on 75th
Boulder County Parks, 303-441-3950

For more information, please call Laurie Roulston at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 303-370-8299.

AURORA NEEDS DFO VOLUNTEER

The City of Aurora is seeking a DFO member, a representative of Ducks Unlimited and a person to represent the Colorado Native Plant Society to volunteer to be on a Technical Advisory Committee. This would involve being on a committee with representatives from the EPA and the Division of Wildlife for the purpose of giving feedback on Aurora Jewel Wetlands Project. The project is associated with the City of Aurora and involves turning a 50 acre site, of which 12 acres are wetlands, into a nature trail habitat area. If interested, please call Tina Jones, 303-794-2647.

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

May 4, Saturday (PNG)

Pawnee National Grassland

Leader: Kathy Hawkins, 303-757-0809

Meet at the east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at 0630. Bring lunch.

May 5, Sunday (NEC)

Northeastern Colorado, to include Prewitt Reservoir

Leader: Norm Erthal, 303-424-6747

Meet at 0500 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Please bring CB radio if you have one. Bring lunch and plenty of water.

May 11 and 12 - Spring Count

May 15, Wednesday (RPP)

Rawhide Power Plant and Meadow Springs Ranch

Leader: Ron Ryder, 970-482-8089

Meet at 0630 at the east end of the north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History or meet leader at 0800 at the visitor's overlook at the Rawhide Power Plant. Leader has access to the back side so the entire lake can be viewed. Prairie birds should be seen. Bring lunch.

May 18, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli, 303-432-5200

Meet at 0630 to carpool at the Denver Museum of Natural History or join group at 0715 at Pepper Pot Restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader at ranch. From Hudson, go east on Highway 52 until it turns north. Don't turn north but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F, to County Rd. 14, then turn north about one mile to first house on the left by the boxcars. Bring lunch and help Joe celebrate his birthday.

May 18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday (BON)

Bonny Reservoir

Leader: Bob Righter, 303-692-8529

Meet leader at 1800 Friday evening May 17, or 0830-0900 Saturday May 18, at Foster Grove Campground at Bonny Reservoir. Camp in park or stay at Prairie Vista Motel in Idalia, 303-354-7237. Bring lunches for both days. Bring dinner and breakfast if camping. State park pass required.

May 19, Sunday (FVT)

Fountain Valley Trail at Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruz, 303-798-8072

Meet at 0800 at the Roxborough State Park Visitor's Center. This will be an easy 2.25 mile hike to see Golden Eagles, towhees, Scrub Jays and migrants. This trip especially good for novice birders and new members. Lunch optional. State park pass required.

May 22, Wednesday (CAC)

Parker Regional Park, Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Gail Evans, 303-758-2231

Meet at 0630 at Parker Regional Park. From the Main St. intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Rd. (CO 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indianpipe Lane, which goes to the park. After birding Parker Regional Park, the group will go to Castlewood Canyon. The group will be walking in the stream bed, so wear footwear you don't mind getting wet. Should see Orchard Orioles and Blue Grosbeaks. Bring lunch. State parks pass required.

May 25, 26, 27,

Saturday, Sunday, Monday (CWR)

Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 308-287-1644

Joint DFO and Denver Audubon Society trip.

Call leader to arrange car pools. Will leave at

0700 on Saturday from Museum of Natural

History. Plan to stay at Shady Rest Motel, 308-

772-4115. Single \$26, double \$32 plus tax.

The wildlife refuge is known for nesting

shorebirds and waterfowl. Will return Monday

afternoon.

May 25, Saturday (HLC)

Highline Canal, to include McLellan Reservoir,

Plum Creek, Louviers and Daniels Park.

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000

Meet at 0730 in parking lot south of Albertson's

on northwest corner of S. Broadway and County

Line Rd. Bring lunch.

May 26, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Sherry Chapman, 303-699-1351

Meet leader at 0700 at Parker Regional Park.

From the Main St. intersection in Parker, go

south on Parker Rd. (CO 83) for 1.2 miles.

Turn right on Indianpipe Lane which goes to the

park. Lunch optional. State park pass required.

May 27, Monday (TWP)

Two Ponds, to include Standley Lake

Leader: David Rhoades, 303-424-8633

Meet at 0800 at northwest corner of Target

parking lot at southwest corner of 80th Ave. and

Wadsworth Blvd. Lunch optional.

May 29, Wednesday (GSP)

Golden Gate State Park

Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-2504

Meet at 0700 at the Park-n-Ride at I-70 and

Ward Road. This trip is especially good for

novice birders and new members. Bring lunch.

State park pass required.

SPRING COUNT

For the spring count call the leader in advance or simply arrive promptly at the designated meeting place. Exception: Rocky Mountain Arsenal, as the number of observers is limited. Bring lunch, water and good walking shoes.

May 10, Friday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947

Meet leader at 0700 at west gate of the park

near Cherry Creek High School. State park pass

required.

May 11, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leaders: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682 and Mary

Jane Schock, 303-922-3144.

Meet at 0630 at southwest corner of Bear Valley

Shopping Center behind Conoco. Bear Valley

Shopping Center is on the east side of S.

Sheridan Blvd. and north of Hampden Ave. (US

285).

May 11, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748

Meet at 0600 at the swim beach parking lot.

State park pass required.

May 11, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-333-0161

Meet at 0600 at the Waterton Bridge.

May 12, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King, 303-289-1644

Meet at 0630 at intersection of Piccadilly Rd.

and Bromley Lane.

May 12, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381

Meet at 0600 at old entrance. Call leader if you

need directions. Lunch optional. State park

pass required.

May 12, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leaders: Warren Finch, 303-233-3372 and Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035
Meet at 0600 at the entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a ten mile, all day, hike around the lake.

May 12, Sunday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-333-0161
Must register with leader in advance as the number of observers is limited.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY BEGINNER'S TRIPS

On May 11 birders from across the continent will join in welcoming hundreds of migratory bird species to their North American breeding grounds by celebrating International Migratory Bird Day.

As part of this celebration four special field trips are scheduled. Each is geared to introducing common birds to people unfamiliar with the joys of birdwatching.

Please encourage your friends and family to join us and share in the fun. The birds seen on these trips will be included in the Spring Count as supplemental reports.

All trips begin promptly at 0830 and conclude by 1100.

May 11, Saturday (SPP)
South Platte Park
Leader: Virginia Bleck, 303-320-6130
Meet at Carson Nature Center 1/2 block west of Santa Fe Dr. off Mineral Ave.

May 11, Saturday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Judy Miller, 303-716-1748
Meet at Prospect Park Lake, 44th Ave. and Robb St.

May 11, Saturday (RSC)
Riverside Cemetery
Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, 303-699-1721
Meet in front of building inside cemetery at 52nd Ave. and Brighton Blvd.

May 11, Saturday (PRP)
Parker Regional Park
Leader: Steve Kennedy, 303-690-8265
From Main St. intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Rd. (CO 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indianpipe Lane which goes into the park.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 303-287-1644

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Program: To be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY-APRIL 1996

April 6, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt to include Mt. Olivet

Leaders: Diana and Don Mullineaux

0800-1300. 6 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, calm, 45-65°F.

Observers: Dave Compton, Carolyn Cooley,

Dennis Downing, Rick Harner, Al Hay, Ruth

Holland, Wayne Ivošević, Steve Litz, Dave

Moore, John Meyers, Jim Ott, Verla Priest,

Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters, Bruce Young.

40 species, 647 individuals.

April 13, Saturday (REY)

Reynolds Park to include Buffalo, Pine,

Pine Valley Ranch and Evergreen

Leader: Bob Spencer

0800-1500. 35 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy, some fog, rain, sleet and

snow, wind northwest 0-10 mph, 30-35°F.

Observer: Amy Young.

22 species, 96 individuals.

April 14, Sunday (DOU)

Doudy Draw to include Stearns Lake

Leader: Myron Plooster

0800-1430. 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, winds variable 0-30 mph,

35-45°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Min Canavan,

Pearl Jordan, Lilian Koenigsberg, Peter Lowen.

58 species, 814 individuals.

April 20, Saturday (BCR)

Bear Creek, plains to foothills

Leader: Cal Wichern

0800-1600. 50 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, gentle breeze, wind 8-12 mph,

35-50°F.

Observers: Carolyn Cooley, Rick Harner, Dave

Quesenberry, Hugh Ravatt, Emilie Wiersma,

Ralph Wiersma, Bruce Young.

50 species, 327 individuals.

April 21, Sunday (HDP)

Highline Canal, Daniel's Park

Leader: Ruth Breckon

0730-1230. 10 miles by car, 1.25 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind south southwest

3 mph, 35-45°F.

Observers: Alberta Nelson, Peter Spanberger,

Mort Staatz.

34 species, 258 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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April 27, Saturday

(BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ira Sanders

0630-1300. 10 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear and sunny to cloudy, wind northwest

5-12 mph, 35-60°F.

Observers: Mike Argyres, Nancy Armabost,

Ursula Barsch, Mary Burger, Gail Evans, Gregg

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Newell, Nina Newell, Jim Norton, Tim

Schowalter, Dianne Sinnhold, Steve Snyder.

75 species, 1,320 individuals.

April 28, Sunday

(WHR)

White Ranch Open Space

Leader: Randy Lentz

0630-1130. Zero miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Snowing, wind north 10-25 mph, 28-35°F.

Observers: none

25 species, 148 individuals.

April 28, Sunday

(MIR)

Milton Reservoir

Leader: Ric Olson

0800-1300. 5 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Overcast, wind north 25-35 mph, 28-35°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling,

Norma Erickson, Joe Himmel, Mary E. Kippes,

Dick Maxfield, Richard Mendez, Jim Newell,

Nina Newell, Jim Norton, Chris Owens, Dave

Quesenberry, Buzz Schaumburg, Bob Spencer.

63 species, 1,869 individuals.

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

April 4 - 6, Thursday - Saturday

(IND1)

Northeast Colorado to include Bijou Reservoir,

Muir Springs, Wray, Beecher Island Park and

Bonny State Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield

523 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Overcast to clear, wind south 0-3 mph, 32-65°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Eggerling, Gail

Evans, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman,

Claudina Hruby, Bill Kossack, Eric Lindberg,

Dave Quesenberry.

70 species, 5,066 individuals.

April 26-29, Friday-Monday (IND2)

Southeast Colorado to include: Lake Henry, Rocky Ford SWA, Lake Holbrook, Lake Cheraw, Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, La Junta Sewage Ponds, Cottonwood, Carizzo and Picture Canyons, Two Buttes Reservoir, Lamar, Hasty, John Martin Reservoir, to Pueblo, Valco Ponds, Pueblo Reservoir and Pueblo West
43 hours total birding. 528 miles by car, 7.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to cloudy with rain and snow, wind variable 0-45 mph, 35-75°F.

Observers: Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Brandon Percival.

142 species, 6,324 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

April 2, Tuesday (DCZ)

Denver City Park Zoo

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 42 observers.

0900-1230. Zero miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind variable 7-14 mph,

66-73°F. 19 species, 595 individuals.

April 9, Tuesday (MTF)

Mt. Falcon Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to partly sunny, wind 0-5 mph,

53-61°F.

20 species, 94 individuals.

April 16, Tuesday (LOB)

Lair O' The Bear Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 36 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind north 0-4 mph, 50-70°F.

20 species, 86 individuals.

April 23, Tuesday (HAW)

Hawk Watch Dinosaur Ridge to include

Matthews-Winters Park and Red Rocks Trading Post

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0900-1200. 6 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind southeast 0-10 mph,

61-65°F.

25 species, 164 individuals.

April 30, Tuesday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers.

0900-1200. 2.5 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind north 5-10 mph, 51°F.

38 species, 189 individuals.

Compiler, Monna Krebs.

**UPPER TEXAS COAST SURRENDERS
TO RIGHTER GROUP**

Bob Righter's trip, April 12-19, to the Upper Texas Coast was a great success. Righter tallied 205 species, with specialties being Hudsonian Godwit, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Sprague's Pipit, Yellow-green Vireo and Glossy Ibis. A record number of buckets of crawfish etouffee were consumed.

Participants were Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown, Ron Carter, Jeff Cook, Gail Evans, Ginny Faxon, Tom Faxon and Helen Standish.

**1995 DFO EDUCATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FUND RECIPIENTS**

At the May 1996 DFO Meeting, the Board of Directors presented two checks to Educational Endowment Fund Recipients.

A check for \$225 was presented to the Denver Audubon Society for a plastic storage system for bird study skins and nests used in educating children about birds and their complex worlds.

A second check for \$322.53 was presented to the Colorado Bird Observatory for training and supplies for seven teachers who will teach 150 children about migrant birds. This is part of CBO's *Birds Beyond the Borders* education project.

Additionally, last year, the Board of Directors awarded an advance of \$300 to Tim Mitzen to help him attend Camp Chiricahua last summer.

NEW DFO OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Congratulations to our new and returning Officers and Directors. Taking office May 1st are Norm Lewis President, Dick Schottler Vice President, Glenn Hageman Treasurer, Gail Evans Secretary and Jack Reddall and David Quesenberry Directors.

Reddall and Quesenberry replace Diana Mullineaux and Karleen Schofield.

HURLBUTT AND NELSON RECEIVE PTARMIGAN AWARD

For their years of outstanding service, 1996 recipients of the DFO Ptarmigan Award are Catherine A. "Birdie" Hurlbutt and Duane Nelson.

Hurlbutt joined the Colorado Bird Club which met in the "bird room" on the third floor of the Denver Museum of Natural History. She served the club for many years as Corresponding Secretary. Her great passion for birds led her to devote her life to rescuing injured and abandoned birds. Every bird, no matter how common, has been taken in, fed, and treated. "Birdie" is licensed to do rehabilitation work and among the species she has treated are Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Cattle Egret, Black-crowned Night-Heron and she has even kept an Ancient Murrelet in her bathtub overnight.

Often sought after as a speaker, she has shared her knowledge and enthusiasm about birds with many schools, clubs, retirement homes, as well as with religious and social groups.

In 1990, Nelson was instrumental in finding and developing the Hawkwatch location on the Dakota Hogback where he served as leader for four years. He encouraged visitors and volunteers alike in identification and understanding of Spring hawk migration.

Beginning in May, 1990 Nelson became the voice of the Colorado Rare Bird Alert and updated the tape faithfully for nearly two years. For several years Duane has served as Chairperson for the Colorado Bird Records

Committee. He has written articles for the *Colorado Field Ornithologists Journal*. For the last five years he has done field work concentrating on the endangered Piping Plover and Least Tern, including census, observing and recording nesting activity and protection and habitat development.

He spent several years observing birds in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt enabling him to design a checklist for this area. Along with Dick Schottler he helped the Wheat Ridge naturalist develop a wildlife plan for the greenbelt.

Congratulations, Catherine and Duane.

CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Cherry Creek State Park is holding two public meetings in June to gather ideas about how to revise the park management plan. Of special interest to DFO members is what will happen to the Nature Area at the south end of the lake. If you are concerned about the negative impact of dogs and mountain bikes in this part of the park and would like to see them kept out, please attend one of the meetings and voice your opinion. (A discussion of these problems appeared in the May 1995 issue of *The Lark Bunting*.)

Park Staff is aware of our concerns on this issue and they have developed a draft proposal which reflects our interests, but there will be dog owners and bike riders who oppose it. We need to show our support for the proposed new regulations and ensure that enough money is budgeted for the many signs that will need to be posted.

Please attend one of the two meetings, and spread the word to others:

Cherry Creek State Park Public Hearings

Cherry Creek Campus Middle School
4785 S. Dayton St., 486-2725
(South of Cherry Creek High School)

Monday June 17, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Wednesday June 26, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Sell.

SPECIES	6	13	14	20	21	27	28	28	5-6	26-29	2	9	16	23	30
	WRG	REY	DOU	BCR	HDP	BAR	WHR	MIR	IND1	IND2	DCZ	MTF	LOB	HAW	ROX
Pied-billed Grebe	1		12		1	2				3					
Horned Grebe	4			15		2			2						
Eared Grebe			4			4		4		7					
Western Grebe			25	40		6		8							
Clark's Grebe										140					
American White Pelican				6		15		14	62	45					7
Double-crested Cormorant	2		2	4		45		100	14	35	11				
American Bittern			1												
Great Blue Heron		1	5	2		5		50	3	37					
Great Egret			2												
Green Heron										1					
Black-crowned Night-Heron	21							15	1	1	7				
White-faced Ibis						1				102					3
Snow Goose															
"White" morph									325						
"Blue" morph									4						
Canada Goose	100	1	12	4	2	100		20	2000		100				1
Wood Duck					3			2	1	20	4				
Green-winged Teal	5		3			40		150	21						4
Mallard	75		40	5	2	35		50	667	60	85		9		2
Northern Pintail						6		18	176		3				
Blue-winged Teal			3			15		20	2	57					3
Cinnamon Teal			3			6				1m			2		11
Northern Shoveler	30		30			150		200	59	70					
Gadwall	20		25		60	40		30	72	32					
American Wigeon	18		15			4		10	86	15					
Canvasback	1								1		3				
Redhead	35		8			4			8	10	21				
Ring-necked Duck	25		20			10				1m					
Lesser Scaup	60		50		30	6		25	60	36					
Common Goldeneye	10				2						4				
Bufflehead	8		15		5	10			6	8					
Hooded Merganser	2		4								10				
Common Merganser		2		6		5			100						
Red-breasted Merganser	2		2						6						
Ruddy Duck			8			50		8	26	30	4				
Turkey Vulture			8	2	2				2	36			1	1	1
Osprey			1	1						2					
Bald Eagle						3		1	3a1i						
Northern Harrier								2	7	5					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1			1			2				7	2
Cooper's Hawk														1	
Northern Goshawk												1			
Accipiter species															2
Swainson's Hawk			3	1		4		9	1	6					
Red-tailed Hawk			5			2			5				4	1	4
Western races				2			1			7					
Ferruginous Hawk					1				4	1					
Rough-legged Hawk									6						
Buteo species								1	5					1	
Golden Eagle			2	1						1		1	1	1	2
American Kestrel	1		7	2	9	1	1	7	37	18		1	1	4	3
Peregrine Falcon								1							
Falcon species														1	
Ring-necked Pheasant									7.2h	4					
Blue Grouse				1											
Greater Prairie-Chicken									23						
Wild Turkey									15	12					

SPECIES	6	13	14	20	21	27	28	28	5-6	26-29	2	9	16	23	30
	WRG	REY	DOU	BCR	HDP	BAR	WHR	MIR	IND1	IND2	DCZ	MTF	LOB	HAW	ROX
Northern Bobwhite									8,4h						
Scaled Quail										6					
Virginia Rail										2h					
Sora						1				2h					
American Coot	22		80		25	100		40	31	22					
Semipalmated Plover										1					
Killdeer			2	3	1	20		6	7	46					1
Black-necked Stilt										35					
American Avocet						2		2		55					
Greater Yellowlegs			2					1							
Lesser Yellowlegs						8		11		3					
Solitary Sandpiper								1		2					
Willet										9					
Spotted Sandpiper						1				1					
Long-billed Curlew										4					
Marbled Godwit						2									
Semipalmated Sandpiper										1					
Western Sandpiper										5					
Least Sandpiper						8				2					
"Peep" species								2							
Baird's Sandpiper										2					
Long-billed Dowitcher						2		4		1					
Common Snipe	1		1	6		1		1		4					3
Wilson's Phalarope						8		8		370					
Franklin's Gull						10		12	1	95					
Bonaparte's Gull						4				5					
Ring-billed Gull	40		20	2		1		5	200	225					
California Gull										10					
Herring Gull									1						
Forster's Tern						2				5					
Rock Dove	53		2		3	1		2	46	90	50	2		4	
Mourning Dove			2	3	3	30		60	27	125				1	
Greater Roadrunner										1					
Barn Owl										2					
Western Screech-Owl										1,1h					
Great Horned Owl	1			1				2a1i	8	5					
Burrowing Owl									8						
Common Poorwill										2,3h					
Chimney Swift															5
White-throated Swift							15							52	10
Broad-tailed Hummingbird															2
Belted Kingfisher	2		4	1	1	1		1		2					
Lewis' Woodpecker										23					
Ladder-backed Woodpecker										2					
Downy Woodpecker				1		3			1	12			1	2	
"Rocky Mountain" race		2						1							
Eastern races	5							5							
Hairy Woodpecker									3	2		2			
"Rocky Mountain" race		2					1								
Northern Flicker			5		7						5	7	3	1	6
"Yellow-shafted" race									3	3					
"Red-shafted" race	11	2		15		10	3	2	12	20					
Least Flycatcher										1					
Eastern Phoebe										13					
Say's Phoebe						1	1		3	7					5
Ash-throated Flycatcher										8					
Cassin's Kingbird										3					
Western Kingbird						1		1		15					

SPECIES	6 WRG	13 REY	14 DOU	20 BCR	21 HDP	27 BAR	28 WHR	28 MIR	5-6 IND1	26-29 IND2	2 DCZ	9 MTF	16 LOB	23 HAW	30 ROX
Horned Lark					5			5	90	110					
Tree Swallow			75	25		2		200		2				2	
Violet-green Swallow				2						50					9
No. Rough-winged Swallow								100		16					
Bank Swallow										26					
Cliff Swallow					2			1		112					
Barn Swallow				4	1	4		200		165				2	
Swallow species															14
Steller's Jay		4	1	3			1			7		6	4		2
Blue Jay	1		2						6	25					
Scrub Jay				2	3		2			22				7	14
Pinyon Jay										30					
Black-billed Magpie	23	1	20	20	11	20	3	2	13	45	13	2	4	17	7
American Crow	2	3	10	1	5		3		8	15	12	8			2
Chihuahuan Raven										16					
Common Raven		4	15	1	3		2					3	1	2	1
Black-capped Chickadee	6		5	2	1	6	3	5	8	30			8	4	8
Mountain Chickadee		6		3			4					3	4		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2	1	4								1			
White-breasted Nuthatch				3			2			1		1			
Pygmy Nuthatch		4		5			8					2			
Rock Wren						1				22					
Canyon Wren										1h				2	3
Bewick's Wren										18					
House Wren										28					
Marsh Wren						1									
American Dipper		1											5		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1	8	1	2	15				1	4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										9					
Western Bluebird		2			4		4					2			
Mountain Bluebird				3	7		12					2			2
Townsend's Solitaire				2			8		1	4		9	1		1
Gray-cheeked Thrush										1					
Swainson's Thrush										6					
Hermit Thrush										6					
American Robin	10	11	60	10	17	50	55	24	97	85		25	3	10	5
Northern Mockingbird										6					
Brown Thrasher										14					
Curve-billed Thrasher										2					
Cedar Waxwing									3						
Loggerhead Shrike						1		2	3	8					
European Starling	12		50	50	15	1		45	125	135	200		10	1	5
Red-eyed Vireo										1					
Orange-crowned Warbler						2		10		52					
Nashville Warbler								1							
Yellow Warbler										1					
Yellow-rumped Warbler															
"Myrtle" race						25		65		182				10	1
"Audubon's" race				4		25		40		170				7	
Common Yellowthroat						1				3					
Wilson's Warbler										1					
Summer Tanager						1									
Black-headed Grosbeak															1
Green-tailed Towhee						1	1	1		2					
Spotted Towhee							3	1		26			1	5	14
Canyon Towhee										9					
Rufous-crowned Sparrow										2					
American Tree Sparrow			2						4						

SPECIES	6	13	14	20	21	27	28	28	5-6	26-29	2	9	16	23	30
	WRG	REY	DOU	BCR	HDP	BAR	WHR	MIR	IND1	IND2	DCZ	MTF	LOB	HAW	ROX
Chipping Sparrow						25		20		265					
Clay-colored Sparrow										3					
Brewer's Sparrow										3					
Field Sparrow										1					
Vesper Sparrow										42					
Lark Sparrow										8					
Black-throated Sparrow										2					
Lark Bunting										2					
Savannah Sparrow										3					
Song Sparrow	8		3	3	1	20	2		8	10					
Lincoln's Sparrow										17					
White-crowned Sparrow			1	3					19	430					
"Dark-fored" races						6		15							
"Gambel's" race						40									
Dark-eyed Junco			2									6			1
"White-winged" race												1			
"Slate-colored" race									11			2			
"Oregon" race						2									
"Pink-sided" race												4			
"Gray-headed" race		6		2						2					
Chestnut-collared Longspur									100						
Red-winged Blackbird	18	28	50	8	15	200		90	130	1260					10
Western Meadowlark			15	2	5	30	4	28	178	75				9	8
Yellow-headed Blackbird			20			12				120					
Brewer's Blackbird						3									
Great-tailed Grackle										1					
Common Grackle	4	2	40	3	3	50		95	14	245	6				
Brown-headed Cowbird										70					
House Finch	2	2	4	25	2	1				20	7	3	6	5	
Pine Siskin		4							2	11					
American Goldfinch	1		2						4	112					
Evening Grosbeak			3												
House Sparrow	4	6		12		1		5	55	60	35		17		
TOTAL SPECIES	40	22	58	50	34	75	25	63	70	141	19	20	20	25	38
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	647	96	814	327	258	1320	148	1869	5066	6324	595	94	86	164	189

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - APRIL 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Great Egret	4/23	1	Walden Ponds	Boulder	Robert Spencer
Snow Goose					
"White" morph	4/20	1a	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Robert Spencer, George Armbrust
Ross' Goose	4/21	2	Rd. 8 at Rd. 19	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Gargany	4/23	1am	Sombrero Pond	Boulder	Robert Spencer, mo
Osprey	4/11	1	1651 S. Dahlia St.	Denver	Kathy Hawkins, Carol Hack
Northern Goshawk	4/21	1a	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
Broad-winged Hawk	4/28	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Mark Janos
Ferruginous Hawk	4/10	1	1651 S. Dahlia St.	Denver	Kathy Hawkins
Peregrine Falcon	4/9	1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Joe TenBrink
	4/22	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	4/27	1	Rd. 42 west of Rd. 47	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Snowy Plover	4/20	2	La Junta Sewer Ponds	Otero	Robert Spencer, George Armbrust, Bob Dickson, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Semipalmated Plover	4/20	1-2	Rd. 42 near Rd. 47	Weld	Warren Finch, Ric Olson, Joe TenBrink

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Black-necked Stilt	4/15	1	Near Lochbuie	Weld	Joe TenBrink
	4/20	2	Weld Co. Rd. 42 west of Rd. 47	Weld	Warren Finch, Jean Maguire, Ric Olson, Joe TenBrink,
Willet	4/6	1	Walden Ponds	Boulder	Robert Spencer
Whimbrel	4/24	1	Ramah SWA	El Paso	Joe TenBrink
Little Gull	4/29	1fw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joe TenBrink, Bob Brown
Least Flycatcher	4/27	1	Carrizo Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	4/27	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Mark Janos
Gray-cheeked Thrush	4/28	1a	Willow Creek Park, Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos (F)
Hermit Thrush	4/20	3	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Dan Bridges
Red-eyed Vireo	4/28	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Black-throated Gray Warbler	4/29	1f	Mineral Palace Park, Pueblo	Pueblo	Mark Janos
Palm Warbler	4/29	1a	Mineral Palace Park, Pueblo	Pueblo	Mark Janos
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	4/27	1,2h	Picture Canyon	Baca	Dan Bridges
	4/27	2	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Field Sparrow	4/27	1	Burchfield SWA	Baca	Dan Bridges
	4/27	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Black-throated Sparrow	4/26	1m1f	South of La Junta on CO 109	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Sage Sparrow	4/4	1a	Crown Hill Lake	Jefferson	Robert Spencer, mo
	4/28	1	Douglas County Rd. 3	Douglas	Bob Brown
Baird's Sparrow	4/20	6	South shore Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Dan Bridges (F)
Great-tailed Grackle	4/14	7m,6f	Buckley Rd. at 128th Ave.	Adams	Ric Olson
	4/14	1m	Weld Co. Rd. 4 at Rd. 39	Weld	Ric Olson
	4/28	1f	3/4 miles north of Lochbuie	Weld	Ric Olson, George Armbrust, Dave Quesenberry, Buzz Schaumberg

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = brooding plumage, nb = near brooding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

- Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
- The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
- Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

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UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

June 1, Saturday (APX)

Apex Park

Leader: Warren Finch, 303-233-3372

Meet leader at 0600 at lower Heritage Square parking lot off of CO 93 just north of US 40.

Wild flowers should be in full bloom. Warblers, vireos and flycatchers are fairly common and grouse are possible. The trail is steep in places. Bring water. Bring lunch.

June 2, Sunday (LYO)

Lyons area.

Leader: Ray Davis, home 303-823-5332, work 303-449-0858, ext. 104.

Carpool at 0715 at RTD Park-n-Ride on northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave, next to police station. Meet leader at 0800 at Park-n-Ride in middle of Lyons, one-half block south of Main St. at traffic signal on 3rd St. Golden Eagle, Lewis' Woodpecker, Mountain Bluebird possible. Bring Lunch.

June 8, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz, 303-279-6169

Meet leader at 0700 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Lunch optional.

June 9, Sunday (LMT)

Longmont and Lyons area

Leader: Bill Prather 1-303-776-2191

Carpool at 0650 at RTD Park-n-Ride on 120th Ave. 0.3 miles west of I-25 exit 223. Or meet leader at 0730 at Jim Hamm Nature Center. From I-25 take exit 240. Go four miles west on CO 119 to traffic signal on Boulder-Weld County Line Rd., then two miles north to nature center on left. Bring lunch.

June 15, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069

Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in park. Half day trip.

June 16, Sunday (BCP)

Bear Creek, plains to foothills

Leader: Cal Wichern, 303-693-3718

Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden Ave.). Do not wear tennis shoes on this trip. Bring lunch.

June 22, Saturday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Bob Righter, 303-692-8529

Meet to carpool at 0615 at RTD Park-n-Ride on northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave next to police station. Or, meet leader at 0800 at Park Visitor's Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance. Bring lunch. U.S. Park Pass required for each vehicle.

June 23, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 303-798-9683

Meet at 0730 at west gate of park on S. Wadsworth. Half day trip, lunch optional. State parks pass required.

June 29, Saturday (FCR)

Fountain Creek Regional Park to include Hanna Ranch or West Colorado Springs in the afternoon.

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194

Meet to car pool at 0600 at east side of Southmoor Park-n-Ride. Take Hampden Ave. east from I-25 to Monaco, then south to Magnolia Way, or meet at 0730 at the north parking area FCRP. From I-25 south of Colorado Springs, take exit 132. Go east on CO 16 across Fountain Creek to US 85. Turn south then immediately right onto Willow Springs Rd. Continue west in the park, bearing right to parking lot and restrooms. Call leader in advance if carpooling from Denver. Walking distance for the hike will be four to five miles. Bring lunch plus extra water.

June 30, Sunday

(BHP)

Belmar Historic Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661.

Meet at 0800 at the park at 800 S. Wadsworth Blvd. at W. Ohio Ave. Turn west on Ohio Ave. and go two blocks to lake. Lots of cute babies.

Geese, coots, grebes, Mallards, avocets, blackbirds and magpies breed here. Mostly paved path, pace will be slow. You may want to bring a folding stool. This trip especially good for novice birders. Half day trip. Lunch optional. Many restaurants nearby.

Scheduled by Mort Staatz 303-279-6169

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Program: To be announced

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY-MAY 1996

May 4, Saturday (PNG)

Pawnee National Grassland to include US 85 to LaSalle, Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. Rd. 48 to 49 to US 34, CO 37 to CO 392, Briggsdale, Crow Valley Campground, Murphy's Pasture, Grover, Weld Co. Rd. 89
Leader: Kathy Hawkins
0630-1730. 223 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to clear, wind east 0-20 mph, 40-70°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Mary Burger, Grace Hahn, Sonya Hahn, Jim Hansmann, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Bill Kossack, Eric Lindberg, Martha Lindsay, Larry Modesitt, Calaine Ohmert, Helen Standish, Anne Southcott, Bob Spencer, Amy Young.
82 species, 1,011 individuals.

May 5, Sunday (NEC)

Northeastern Colorado, to include Lower Latham, Prewitt and Ireland Reservoirs and Weld County

Leader: Norm Erthal
0700-1700. 290 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind west 0-10 mph, 45-65°F.

Observers: Miriam Friggins, Kathy Gibson, Tom Hablitzel, Bob Righter.
102 species, 1,718 individuals.

May 15, Wednesday (RPP) *Rawhide Power Plant and Meadow Springs Ranch*

Leader: Ron Ryder
0800-1500. 25 miles by car, zero miles on foot.
Clear to partly cloudy, wind southwest 0-10 mph, 68-81°F.

Observers: Sherry Chapman, Alex Cringan, Mark Loader, Dick Pratt, Ruth Reeser, Warner Reeser, Robert Spencer, Rae Todd.
70 species, 1,135 individuals.

May 18, Saturday (RIG) *Rigli Ranch*

Leader: Joe Rigli
0900-1700. 50 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Sunny to cloudy, wind northwest 0-12 mph, 68-98°F.

Observers: Meredith Anderson, Peggy Gonder, Gregg Goodrich, Diane Hutton, Bill Kossack, Larry Modesitt, Vito Tursi, Bruce Young.
67 species, 313 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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May 17-19, Friday-Sunday

(BON)

Bonny Reservoir

Leader: Bob Righter

1800 Friday to 2200 Sunday. 30 miles by car,
4.0 miles on foot.

Wind north 20 mph, 40-104°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling,
Nancy Bierling, Sherry Chapman, Bob Dickson,
Ruth Holland, Marc Kelly, Brandon Percival,
Dave Quesenberry, Bob Spencer, Vic Zerbi.
100 species, 1,405 individuals.

May 19, Sunday

(FVT)

Fountain Valley Trail at Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruz

0800-1100. Zero miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind south-southwest 5-10 mph,
48-65°F.

Observers: Rutsuko Arakaki, Kazue Arakaki,
Ellie Colton, Hank Colton, Todd Fielder, Jim
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Kennedy, Alberta Nelson, Yuko Shimabukuro,
Harriet Stratton, Anne Southcott, Nell Swires,
George Tobeno, Sets Tobeno.
25 species, 268 individuals.

May 22, Wednesday

(CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park to include Parker Regional Park, Winkler Ranch, Parker Sewage Treatment Ponds

Leader: Gail Evans

0630-1400. 35 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind southeast 2-30 mph,
55-65°F.

Observers: Marv Colman, Shirley Colman, Sue
Gregory, Ella Jones, Jackie King, Liz Kreider,
David Laliberte, Bob Spencer, Joe TenBrink.
78 species, 373 individuals.

May 25-27, Saturday-Monday

(CWR)

Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King

0700 Saturday to 1400 Monday. 772 miles by
car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cold and rainy with periods of hail, wind north
15-20 mph, 40-70°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Carolyn Cooley, Gail
Evans, JoAnn Garavaglia, Carolyn Kercheck,

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Mourning Warbler (con't)	5/18	1m	Last Chance Rest Stop	Washington	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, David Quesenberry (F)
Hooded Warbler	5/3	1f	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
	5/4-5	1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/6	1m	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Dave Smith
Canada Warbler	5/10	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire (F)
Hepatic Tanager	5/21	1f	Apishapa SWA	Las Animas	Mike Carter
Summer Tanager	5/4	1m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger, mo
	5/5	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/7	1am	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	5/4	2m	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
	5/6-7	1f	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Joe Roller, Dave Smith
	5/16	1sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/19	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/19	1m	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
	5/24	1sm	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Chris Wood
	5/12	1fym, or af	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos (F)
Dickcissel	5/20-27	1-6s	Rd. 16 east of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, David Smith
	5/22	3s	Rd. 16 and Rd. JJ	Bent	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	5/31	1m	ARA Marsh, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Eastern Towhee	5/16	1m	Rd. 17.5 and Rd. JJ	Bent	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/20	1sm	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	5/27	1sm	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	5/15	3	Lockwood Canyon	Las Animas	Bill Maynard
Field Sparrow	5/20	1s	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-throated Sparrow	5/30	2	Route 1, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Lark Bunting	5/11	1m2f	33 Yates St.	Denver	Karleen Schofield, James Schofield
Fox Sparrow "Western race"	5/18	2s	Five miles north of Silverthorne	Summit	Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings, Tony Leukering
Swamp Sparrow	5/6	1	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield, John Prather
White-throated Sparrow	5/6	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Karleen Schofield, Bill Fink, John Prather, Dave Smith
Bobolink	5/10	1m	I-70 mile marker 369	Kit Carson	Richard Bunn
Great-tailed Grackle	5/18	2	I-25 south of Exit 269	Larimer	Lea Ann Brown
Baltimore Oriole	5/6	1m	Brighton	Adams	Tony Leukering, Chuck Aid
Scott's Oriole	5/25	1m	Taylor Canyon, Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site	Las Animas	Bill Maynard

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

July 5-7, Friday-Sunday (NOP)

North Park, to include Walden, Arapaho NWR, Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682

Meet at 0900 on Friday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Friday and Saturday nights in Walden at the North Park Motel 970-723-4271, or in primitive campground one mile north of town. State Park Pass required for Colorado State Forest. Bring lunch for three days. Call leader if going.

July 6, Saturday (MTL)

Mount Lindo

Leader: Dieter Kamm, 303-697-9681

Meet to carpool at RTD Park-n-Ride at southwest corner of Wadsworth and US 285 at 0800, or meet leader at 0830 at entrance gate to Mt. Lindo on S. Turkey Creek, one third mile east of the Tiny Town Railroad Station. Half day trip.

July 7, Sunday (RSC)

Riverside Cemetery

Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet leader at 0730 at the northeast corner of the Denver Museum of Natural History parking lot. Bring lunch.

July 13, Saturday (PAC)

Park County, Jefferson, Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch

Leader: Carol Hack, 303-777-7893

Meet to carpool at 0700 at northwest corner of parking lot at Albertson's on S. Sheridan Blvd. just north of US 285, or meet leader at 0830 on US 285 across from Texaco Station in Jefferson. Bring lunch.

July 14, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: David Quesenberry, 303-796-7603

Meet at 0730 in parking lot of Parker Regional Park. Turn right into park from Parker Road 1.3 miles south of Main Street in Parker. Lunch optional.

July 20, Saturday (FIL)

Filius Park, to include Echo and Summit Lakes

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000

Meet to carpool at 0730 at RTD Park-n-Ride on the east side of Union St. just south of W. 6th Ave., or meet at 0800 at Filius Park. From I-70 west take the Evergreen exit, then take the first Bergen Park exit and you are there. Bring lunch.

July 21, Sunday (SMT)

South Mesa Trail and Conda Quarry Road

Leaders: Myron and Suzie Plooster, 303-494-6708

Meet to carpool at 0730 at Wadsworth Blvd. and Vance St. Meet leaders at 0800 on north side of U.S. Department of Commerce Boulder Laboratories. From US 36 take Baseline exit and turn left at the next light, cross street at next light onto lab grounds. Bring lunch.

July 27, Saturday (PNG)

Pawnee National Grassland to include Greeley lakes

Leader: Dick Pratt, 303-651-6860

Meet leader at 0700 at the northeast corner of the Denver Museum of Natural History parking lot. Bring lunch.

July 28, Sunday (SIL)

Silverthorne area

Leader: Virginia Bleck, 303-320-6130

Meet to carpool at 0600 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on the east side of Union St. just south of W. 6th Ave., or meet at 0800 at the Wendy's parking lot in Silverthorne, just west of the Dillon exit on CO 9. Bring lunch.

July 31, Wednesday (BIB)

Binoculars in the backyard

Leader: Tina Jones, 303-794-2647

1800-2000. See one of the yards featured in the newly released book, *Hummingbird Gardens*. Learn landscaping for birds and hopefully see hummingbirds at Tina's house. Bring sack dinner.

Scheduled by Pearl Jordan, 303-987-2802

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

☐ — RENEWAL

All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00
_____ Senior Citizen Membership 12.00 (age 65 or older)
_____ Student Membership 5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists

Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden St., Denver, CO 80224, 303-322-6589

Richard Mendez, Kathy Nelson, Chris Owens,
Ann Sprague, Helen Standish, Laurie Waalkes,
Amy Young.
121 species, 2,574 individuals.

May 25, Saturday (HLC)

*Highline Canal, to include McLellan Reservoir,
Phum Creek, Louviers and Daniels Park*

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0730-1400. 33 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, rain and fog, wind variable 5-10 mph,
45-50°F.

Observer: Buzz Schaumberg.

54 species, 319 individuals.

May 26, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Canceled due inclement weather

May 27, Monday (TWP)

Two Ponds, to include Standley Lake

Leader: David Rhoades

0800-1200. 6 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind northwest 8-12 mph,
38-54°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Dave Compton,

Dennis Downing, Chuck Lowrie, Buzz

Schaumberg, Bob Spencer, Shirley Spencer.

34 species, 176 individuals.

May 29, Wednesday (GSP)

Golden Gate State Park

Leader: David Laliberte

0715-1500. 60.8 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to sunny, wind north 3-8 mph,
55-65°F.

Observers: Gail Evans, Ellie Jones, Sue
Schulman.

67 species, 296 individuals.

INDEPENDENT TRIP

May 3-5, Friday-Sunday (IND)

*Southeast Colorado to include Rocky Ford
SWA, Lakes Holbrook, Cheraw and Henry, Fort
Lyon, Lamar Community College, Two Buttes,
Upper Queens and Neenoshee Reservoirs*

42 hours total birding. 441 miles by car, 5.0
miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind variable 0-30 mph, 60-85°F.

Observer: Brandon Percival

154 species, 5,199 individuals.

SPRING COUNT

May 10, Friday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Gail Evans

0700-1430. 6 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Misty early, clear to sunny later, wind variable
10-15 mph, 40-65°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Barbara Gillett, Marc
Kelly, Carol Loft, Ric Olson.

83 species, 1,035 individuals.

May 11, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leaders: Bob Spencer, Mary Jane Schock

0630-1400. Overcast early, clearing late,
45-75°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bobbie Ausphal,

Viola Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Sherry

Chapman, Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, Pearl

Jordan, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, David

Quesenberry.

97 species, 3,247 individuals.

May 11, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner

0600-1600. 17 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Overcast early, becoming clear in afternoon,
wind south 0-12 mph, 48-76°F.

Observers: Gale Evans, Walt Hackney, Glenn

Hageman, Doris Lindberg, Eric Lindberg,

Gordon Lindberg, Peter Lowen, Jack Reddall,

Bob Righter, Ira Sanders, Steve Stachowiak.

99 species, 954 individuals.

May 11, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Hugh Kingery

0600-1600. 10 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy early, sunny late, calm, 47-78°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Ursula Barsch, Mary Burger, Peter Gilette, Urling Kingery, Liz Kreider, Norm Lewis, Deb Ostergard, Dick Pratt, Toni Smith, Lynn Wilcockson.
99 species, 1,372 individuals.

May 12, Sunday (BLP)
Barr Lake Periphery
Leader: Jackie King
0630-1430. 110 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Wind northwest 0-10 mph, 45-73°F.
Observer: Bruce Young.
67 species, 1,947 individuals.

May 12, Sunday (CAC)
Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: Randy Lentz
0500-1300. 18 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind north 0-5 mph, 50-70°F.
Observer: Carolyn Cooley.
61 species, 546 individuals.

May 12, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leaders: Warren Finch, Dick Schottler
0600-1730. 0.5 miles by car, 13.0 miles on foot.
Cloudy to sunny, wind northeast 0-30 mph, 45-75°F.
Observers: Sloan Anderson, George Armbrust, Donna Flageolle, Terry Flageolle, Gregg Goodrich, Jean McClenathan, Tim Mitzen, Jim Newell, Nina Newell, Dick Pratt, Dave Quesenberry, Mike Ramee, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer.
104 species, 1,930 individuals.

May 12, Sunday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal
Leader: Urling Kingery
0645-1545. 30 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 70°F.
Observers: Diane Buell, Elaine Cartari, Bob Currie, Michele Currie, Marianne Holmes, Hugh Kingery, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Cheryl Scott.
85 species, 1,066 individuals.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY BEGINNER'S TRIPS

May 11, Saturday (SPP)
South Platte Park
Leader: Virginia Bleck
0830-1145. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Hazy to sunny, calm, 55-70°F.
Observers: Dave Compton, Betty Newell.
37 species, 204 individuals.

May 11, Saturday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leaders: Patty Echelmeyer, Judy Miller, Diana Mullineaux
0830-1100. Zero miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind 1-3 mph, 55-65°F.
Observers: Peggy Gonder, Susan Jensen, Tyler Jensen, Natalie McDonough, Jim Mosby, Mary Mosby, Suzanne Olson, Katie Slover.
28 species, 108 individuals.

May 11, Saturday (RSC)
Riverside Cemetery
Leader: Buzz Schaumberg
0800-1130. Zero miles by car, 1.2 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy to sunny, calm, 48-65°F.
Observers: Dorothy Lewis, Rich Mendez, Moriam Ohr, Chris Owens, Esther Palmer, Lou Palmer, Katie Smolka.
31 species, 343 individuals.

May 11, Saturday (PRP)
Parker Regional Park
Leaders: Debbie Kennedy, Steve Kennedy
0730-1130. Zero miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.
Fog early, wind southwest 0-5 mph, 48-63°F.
Observers: Monetta Dardanie, Robin McCarty, Debbie Trujillo.
52 species, 428 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

May 7, Tuesday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.
0900-1330. 5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.
Overcast to partly cloudy, calm, 50-70°F.
52 species, 464 individuals.

May 14, Tuesday (BRI)
Brighton, to include Veteran's Park Banding Station.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers.
0800-1130. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind west 0-10 mph, 68-87°F.
38 species, 423 individuals.

May 21, Tuesday (TWP)
Two Ponds

Leaders: Ann Bonnell, David Rhoades.
35 observers.
0830-1200. 4 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.
Sunny, calm, 62-68°F.
33 species, 217 individuals.

May 28, Tuesday (EVR)
Evergreen Lake

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 14 observers.
0900-1100. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Cloudy, wind variable 3-7 mph, 41°F.
22 species, 106 individuals.

**TINA JONES TO TEACH
HUMMINGBIRD CLASS**

Come learn the skills to identify our Southwestern hummingbirds, adults and juveniles. Hummingbird behavior of many species will be emphasized, along with migration and natural history. Hard to identify species are included. Plantings and creating a hummer

garden is also part of this course. Instructor Jones's garden is featured in the recently published book, *Hummingbird Gardens*.

Iridescent Buzzing Bombers: Hummingbirds

Monday, August 5

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Morrison Center, Denver Botanic Gardens

Monday, August 12

6:00-7:30 p.m. Field Trip

\$20.00 for Denver Botanic Gardens Members

\$22.00 for non-members

Please call Tina at 794-2647 to register.

"HONEY, COME QUICK"

It happened again, May 11. A strange bird showed up at our patio feeders and my non-birder husband, Jim, saw it first. The urgency in his voice brought me to the kitchen window on the double. Jim has been the first to discover unusual yard birds several times in the past.

This time it was a male Lark Bunting. We live near W. 1st Ave. and Sheridan Blvd. Two females joined him in the next half hour. They were gone the next day.

Appropriately, May 11 was International Migratory Bird Day.

-Karleen Schofield

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dorothy L. Lewis	3059 S. Akron Ct., Denver, 80231	303-755-4187
Robin McCarty	14660 E. 43rd Ave., Denver	H 303-671-5553, W 303-371-6254
Esther and Louis H. Palmer, Jr.	459 S. Garfield, Denver, 80209	303-722-8692
Gene Rutherford	833 S. Vance St., #B210, Lakewood, 80226	W 303-813-7308

SPECIES	4	5	15	16	17/19	19	22	25-27	25	27	29	3-5	7	14	21	28
	PNG	NEC	RPP	RIG	BON	FVT	CAC	CWR	HLC	TWP	GSP	IND	BAR	BRI	TWP	EVR
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1		1	2			4				3				
Eared Grebe		1	2		2		2	24				24				
Western Grebe		50	3	1	1			28				2	17			1
Clark's Grebe								8				215				
American White Pelican	16	50	5	8	20			164	3	10		85	21	9	5	
Double-crested Cormorant	22	8	6	1	6			16	1	22	1	25	32	7	4	
Neotropic Cormorant		1		1												
American Bittern								16				1				
Great Blue Heron	3	3	3	1	6		3	23		1		5	20	3	1	1
Snowy Egret			1					1				1				
Little Blue Heron												11				
Cattle Egret	1							5				5	5			
Green Heron												1				
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1					1	1	4	1	4	2		7	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron					1											
White-faced Ibis			1	1	2			120				40	2			
Snow Goose "White" morph	4															
Canada Goose	24	40	51	4			4	55		8	35		25		5	35a1i
Wood Duck		8						1	8			4				
Green-winged Teal	8	4	9					5				10				
Mallard	30	23	23	4	15		10	45	8	5	4	50	13	4	4a10i	3m1f
Northern Pintail	2	2	8					10				1				
Blue-winged Teal	3	14	17		15		6	40				65				
Cinnamon Teal	4	10	6					5				25	2			
Northern Shoveler	10	75	34		6		4	21	2			365	2			
Gadwall	3	4	67		6		8	13	4			75	24			
American Wigeon		4	10		1			8				25	9			
Canvasback								3								
Redhead		4	12	1				49				8	20			
Ring-necked Duck		2														
Lesser Scaup	40	5	10				4	6				20	3			
Bufflehead	6	7	16					1				2				
Common Merganser			2						2							
Ruddy Duck	20	100	4		15		1	26				40	21			
Turkey Vulture			1		15	4	8	11			2	25				
Osprey					1											
Bald Eagle										2			2a1i			
Northern Harrier	1m2f	1		1				2								
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1									
Cooper's Hawk											1					
Broad-winged Hawk		2														

SPECIES	4	5	15	18	17/19	19	22	25-27	25	27	29	3-5	7	14	21	28
	PNG	NEC	RPP	RIG	BON	FVT	CAC	CWR	HLC	TWP	GSP	IND	BAR	BRI	TWP	EVR
Swainson's Hawk	7	5		1	1	1	3	18		2			6	3	1	
Red-tailed Hawk		1			2	2		7								
Western races "Kriders" race	4		1	1			2		2			8				
Ferruginous Hawk	1			1				8				1				
Golden Eagle						2		1								
American Kestrel	3	7	2	1	1			38	3	1	2	12	2	1		
Peregrine Falcon		2														
Prairie Falcon								2								
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	3		2	4			21				10				
Sharp-tailed Grouse								2								
Wild Turkey					2			1m				2				
Northern Bobwhite		2														
Scaled Quail												8				
Virginia Rail		2										8h				
Sora					1							6h			2h	
American Coot	20		19		20			26				30				
Semipalmated Plover	1	2														
Killdeer	12	4	17	3	25		4	49	2			25	4	7	1	
Mountain Plover			2													
Black-necked Stilt			2									40				
American Avocet	4	19	48					52				20	3			
Greater Yellowlegs			1													
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	2										6				
Solitary Sandpiper	1	1										1				
Willet	7	3						34				2				
Spotted Sandpiper		2	6	1	20		8	12	2		3	15		1		1
Upland Sandpiper	2							24								
Whimbrel			11		70							1				
Long-billed Curlew								44								
Marbled Godwit	10	3										25				
Sanderling			2									10				
Semipalmated Sandpiper								8				12				
Western Sandpiper	1	4	1									6				
Least Sandpiper	3	3						1								
White-rumped Sandpiper								28								
Baird's Sandpiper												120				
Stilt Sandpiper			3					12				10				
Long-billed Dowitcher	7	1						10				40				
Common Snipe		3			1			8				1	1			
Wilson's Phalarope		45	61				4	55				145				
Red-necked Phalarope								79								

SPECIES	4	5	15	18	17/19	19	22	25-27	25	27	29	3-5	7	14	21	28
	PNG	NEC	RPP	RIG	BON	FVT	CAC	CWR	HLC	TWP	GSP	IND	BAR	BRI	TWP	EVR
Franklin's Gull	5	10	48		3			12								
Bonaparte's Gull		6						1				4				
Ring-billed Gull		65	20		15			25		4		1			6	
California Gull		3	1					4								
Common Tern												1a				
Forster's Tern	2	18			1			10				15				
Least Tern								1								
Black Tern			6		20			23								
Tern species													2			
Rock Dove	18	18	4		2	20	2	23	6	5	10	45		7	6	
Mourning Dove	25	90	6	15	60	16	7	42	9	4	12	85	5	28	8	
Greater Roadrunner												1				
Barn Owl												3				
Eastern Screech-Owl					1											
Great Horned Owl		3		5	2			2i				5				
Burrowing Owl	7	1		1				1								
Long-eared Owl	1															
Common Nighthawk					1			7	1							
Common Poorwill												2				
Chimney Swift					15			6				15				
White-throated Swift						25										
Black-chinned Hummingbird												1m				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird						12	3		3	1	20		1			1h
Belted Kingfisher		3			2			2	1	1		1		2		1
Lewis' Woodpecker											1					
Red-headed Woodpecker		1			8			1								
Red-naped Sapsucker					1											
Ladder-backed Woodpecker												1				
Downy Woodpecker	2	9			3		3	1				8				
Eastern races				1							1					
Hairy Woodpecker		2										2				
Northern Flicker		14			6	6							2	1	6	
'Red-shafted' race	5			1			4	8	4	4	6	14				
Olive-sided Flycatcher				1	1											1
Western Wood-Pewee				1	1	1	2	1			3	1				
Least Flycatcher					4		1					7				
Dusky Flycatcher		1									5					
Cordilleran Flycatcher											3					
Empidonax species	3							1								
Say's Phoebe	1		2	2								2				
Great Crested Flycatcher					1							2				
Cassin's Kingbird				1												

SPECIES	4	5	15	18	17/19	19	22	25-27	25	27	29	3-5	7	14	21	28
	PNG	NEC	RPP	RIG	BON	FVT	CAC	CWR	HLC	TWP	GSP	IND	BAR	BRI	TWP	EVR
Western Kingbird	4	17		10	80			65	6			75	1			
Eastern Kingbird	2	4		3	60		4	49	2			1				
Horned Lark	75	3	35	30	8			29	1			60				
Tree Swallow					3		24	22			3		2	1		3
Violet-green Swallow						15	16		50	1	5		1			3
No. Rough-winged Swallow		1	1		15		6	20	2	3		2			14	6
Bank Swallow			50	1				15								
Cliff Swallow		8	250		30		14	38	14	1	12	150	20	100	12	7
Barn Swallow	15	6	2	15	20		20	21	11	9	5	50	15	5	7	6
Stellar's Jay											6					
Blue Jay	5	14			6			7	1	2		12		3	5	
Scrub Jay						30	4									
Black-billed Magpie	18	17		1		12	5	19	7	8	3	25	13	5	7	
American Crow	4					15	3	7	2	2	1	8			1	4
Common Raven						7	1				2	1				1
Black-capped Chickadee	1	21			2		4	6	2	2	2	15	1	10	2	
Mountain Chickadee							1	1			6					
Red-breasted Nuthatch							1				1	2				
White-breasted Nuthatch							1				1					
Pygmy Nuthatch							2				6					
Rock Wren	2		1	1	6		1					1				
Canyon Wren							1									
Bewick's Wren												2				
House Wren	2	40	1	2	80	1	8	2	11		10	65	6	8		
Marsh Wren	10	2						22				1				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1			1				1			8	6				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1				25	4		7			4				
Eastern Bluebird					3			11								
Western Bluebird							10		1		1					
Mountain Bluebird							14		6		1					1
Townsend's Solitaire											2	1				
Swainson's Thrush		11		6	15			4			1h	2		1		
Hermit Thrush											1h	2				
American Robin	5	25	2	7	20	20	4	57	13	3	12	60	12	4	3	2
Gray Catbird			1	1	4		2					2				
Northern Mockingbird		1		4	1		1	1				12				
Brown Thrasher	4	12		2	6			4				45		3		
American Pipit				1												
Cedar Waxwing					8							15				
Loggerhead Shrike	5	3		2	2							6				
European Starling	54	80	6	4	30	15	4	130	18	10	2	85	26	10	23	
Belt's Vireo					2			2								

SPECIES	4	5	15	18	17/19	19	22	25-27	25	27	29	3-5	7	14	21	28
	PNG	NEC	RPP	RIG	BON	FVT	CAC	CWR	HLC	TWP	GSP	IND	BAR	BRI	TWP	EVR
Vesper Sparrow	10	23	4				4		3		1h	15				
Lark Sparrow	5	14		5	20		6	55	6			45	1			
Lark Bunting	45	30	50	40	20			31				30				
Savannah Sparrow	5															
Grasshopper Sparrow				1	4			1				2				
Song Sparrow							5		3	5		4	3	5	5	4
Lincoln's Sparrow	2	4		1	10						1	12				
White-throated Sparrow		1										2				
White-crowned Sparrow		9	4									285				
"Dark-lored" races	20										2					
Dark-eyed Junco																
"Gray-headed" race											3					
McCown's Longspur	10		10													
Chestnut-collared Longspur	6															
Bobolink							6	19								
Red-winged Blackbird	60	95	60	2	60		12	200	8	25	3	1200	40	100	31	9m5f
Western Meadowlark	30	120	50	4	60	5	10	50	7	4	4	45	3	1		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	112	22		1	30			29				55	5	8		
Brewer's Blackbird		10	2				6	9	3		9					
Great-tailed Grackle	4	1										1m				
Common Grackle	45	250	13	5	60		6	30	6	3	10	260	40	17	5	
Brown-headed Cowbird	6	8		4	40	2	7	20	11	4	5	45	1	1	1	
Orchard Oriole				1	40		4	10				2m1f				
Baltimore Oriole					15											
Bullock's Oriole				6	15		5	14	12	2	3	4	3	6	1	
Cassin's Finch											2					
House Finch	6		2				4	15	7	11	3	15		3	8	
Pine Siskin					2		3				9	10	2			2
Lesser Goldfinch																
"Green-backed" race											1					
American Goldfinch				1	30		10	90	4	1		85	1	1		
Evening Grosbeak												6				
House Sparrow	35	4	8	60			4	15	3	6	1	65	6	42	10	
TOTAL SPECIES	82	102	70	67	100	25	78	121	54	34	67	154	52	38	33	22
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1011	1718	1135	313	1405	268	373	2574	319	176	296	5199	464	423	217	106

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Spring Count SPECIES	10 CCR	11 LBC	11 CSP	11 WAC	12 BAR	12 CAC	12 BLP	12 RMA	11 SPP	11 WGB	11 RSC	11 PRP
Common Loon		1			1							
Pied-billed Grebe		3	1	3	3		2					
Horned Grebe		1										
Eared Grebe	26		4	6	3							1
Western Grebe	22	2	2	6	8		2					
Clark's Grebe					2							
American White Pelican	49	60	1	2	20		26	19				
Double-crested Cormorant	25	198	26	11	125		7	5	2		8	1
American Bittern			2									
Great Blue Heron	13	81	15	15	15	12	24	8			2	
Little Blue Heron							1					
Cattle Egret							1					
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	7	1		5		1			1	2	
White-faced Ibis	27		3	3	95		27	13				
Canada Goose	28	83	44	47	50		28	40	8	7	18	2
Wood Duck			2m1f	8	5				1		2	
Green-winged Teal	22	5	4	15				4				
Mallard	18	113	9	33	130	6	33	16	12	15	2	10
Northern Pintail					5		4	3				
Blue-winged Teal	13	6	6	30	32		6	2	4	1		2
Cinnamon Teal	4	2	10	15	6		12	2				2
Northern Shoveler	21	71	8	46	50		7	4	2	1		
Gadwall	14	107	5	148	250		3	5	4			4
American Wigeon	2	2	2	18	40		5			4		
Canvasback		1										
Redhead		5		6	300		1	9				
Ring-necked Duck		3	1m1f	20			12	1				
Lesser Scaup	1	2	4	10	50			3				
Bufflehead	8		1m2f	21	5			2				
Common Merganser		6	1m	14								
Ruddy Duck		5		20	8			3				4
Turkey Vulture		4	3	2		25		1				1
Osprey	1		1									
Bald Eagle			1a		3			1				
Northern Harrier	4				1		2	3				1
Cooper's Hawk		1										
Broad-winged Hawk				1	1							
Swainson's Hawk	2	7	1		6	1	13	13			2	3
Red-tailed Hawk		8	4	2			2	18				2
Western races					1	3						
Ferruginous Hawk							1					
Golden Eagle								1				1
American Kestrel		7	2	1	5	1	7	9				5
Peregrine Falcon					1			1				
Prairie Falcon			1									
Ring-necked Pheasant	5				5			7				
Virginia Rail	3h	4	2	6	1							
Sora									1			
American Coot	34	19	8	30	45		2	4				
Sandhill Crane		1										
Killdeer	7	13	9	2	20	3	18	5	6		1	2
Black-necked Stilt		2										
American Avocet	23	51	31	4			29					
Lesser Yellowlegs								1				
Solitary Sandpiper					3							
Willet		14										

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Common Loon		1			1							
Pied-billed Grebe		3	1	3	3		2					
Horned Grebe		1										
Eared Grebe	26		4	6	3							1
Western Grebe	22	2	2	6	8		2					
Clark's Grebe					2							
American White Pelican	49	60	1	2	20		26	19				
Double-crested Cormorant	25	198	26	11	125		7	5	2		8	1
American Bittern			2									
Great Blue Heron	13	81	15	15	15	12	24	8			2	
Little Blue Heron							1					
Cattle Egret							1					
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	7	1		5		1			1	2	
White-faced Ibis	27		3	3	95		27	13				
Canada Goose	28	83	44	47	50		28	40	8	7	18	2
Wood Duck			2m1f	8	5				1		2	
Green-winged Teal	22	5	4	15				4				
Mallard	18	113	9	33	130	6	33	16	12	15	2	10
Northern Pintail					5		4	3				
Blue-winged Teal	13	6	6	30	32		6	2	4	1		2
Cinnamon Teal	4	2	10	15	6		12	2				2
Northern Shoveler	21	71	8	46	50		7	4	2	1		
Gadwall	14	107	5	148	250		3	5	4			4
American Wigeon	2	2	2	18	40		5			4		
Canvasback		1										
Redhead		5		6	300		1	9				
Ring-necked Duck		3	1m1f	20			12	1				
Lesser Scaup	1	2	4	10	50			3				
Bufflehead	8		1m2f	21	5			2				
Common Merganser		6	1m	14								
Ruddy Duck		5		20	8			3				4
Turkey Vulture		4	3	2		25		1				1
Osprey	1		1									
Bald Eagle			1a		3			1				
Northern Harrier	4				1		2	3				1
Cooper's Hawk		1										
Broad-winged Hawk				1	1							
Swainson's Hawk	2	7	1		6	1	13	13			2	3
Red-tailed Hawk		8	4	2			2	18				2
Western races					1	3						
Ferruginous Hawk							1					
Golden Eagle								1				1
American Kestrel		7	2	1	5	1	7	9				5
Peregrine Falcon					1			1				
Prairie Falcon			1									
Ring-necked Pheasant	5				5			7				
Virginia Rail	3h	4	2	6	1							
Sora									1			
American Coot	34	19	8	30	45		2	4				
Sandhill Crane		1										
Killdeer	7	13	9	2	20	3	18	5	6		1	2
Black-necked Stilt		2										
American Avocet	23	51	31	4			29					
Lesser Yellowlegs								1				
Solitary Sandpiper					3							
Willet		14										

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Spring Count	10	11	11	11	12	12	12	12	11	11	11	11
SPECIES	CCR	LBC	CSP	WAC	BAR	CAC	BLP	RMA	SPP	WGB	RSC	PRP
Black-capped Chickadee	4	21	16	10	9	12		4	2	2		3
Mountain Chickadee						1						
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2	2						
White-breasted Nuthatch						1						
Brown Creeper					1							
Rock Wren	2	23			8	3	2	2				
House Wren	6	30	110	45	30	14		18	3		4	5
American Dipper				2								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1										
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			8	5		2				1		
Western Bluebird						25						
Mountain Bluebird						21						
Townsend's Solitaire	1					1						
Swainson's Thrush	1	1		1	1			2				
Hermit Thrush			2		1							
American Robin	15	224	20	23	20	40	28	14	10	6	2	11
Gray Catbird			2	1								
Northern Mockingbird			1		1	1		1				
Brown Thrasher	1	1	1		1			3				2
American Pipit		2										
Loggerhead Shrike		2					3	1				
European Starling	14	407	37	21	50	6	166	27	25	5	100	22
Solitary Vireo				4	1	1						
"Plumbeous" race			2									
Warbling Vireo					1							
Orange-crowned Warbler	4		3	5	2			3				
Virginia's Warbler			3	3		3						
Yellow Warbler	3	22	25	36	6			6	7	2	6	9
Chestnut-sided Warbler										1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler							2					
"Myrtle" race	12	26	5	16	3			4	1	2		
"Audubon's" race	13	23	30	27	10			1		4	50	6
Townsend's Warbler					1							
Black-and-white Warbler			1f									
American Redstart			1									
Northern Waterthrush				1	2							
MacGillivray's Warbler		1		1	1						1	
Common Yellowthroat	6	5	11	6	3		2	4				4
Wilson's Warbler				2				1			12	
Yellow-breasted Chat			7	12								2
Summer Tanager							1					
Western Tanager		4	2	2	1			3	2	2		
Black-headed Grosbeak			2	2	1	8						
Lazuli Bunting				7		1						1
Indigo Bunting		1										
Green-tailed Towhee	4	3	4	5	4			6				1
Spotted Towhee		5	15	22	10	34		18			6	3
Chipping Sparrow	48	68	2	28	90	26	10	95	6	1	20	30
Clay-colored Sparrow	5	5	5	5	2	6	4	55				4
Brewer's Sparrow	7	1	25	7	4			10				
Vesper Sparrow	4	29	3	24		35	3	80				1
Lark Sparrow		5	5	8	3	2	4	5				5
Lark Bunting	9	1	9m3f	20			306	26	20			125
Savannah Sparrow	6	1	1	2	1	1					6	
Song Sparrow	14	36	16	19	9	5	4	7	6	8	6	6
Lincoln's Sparrow		1		1	4							

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White-crowned Sparrow		6		15		5	1	6				
"Dark-lored" races	6		4			2						
"Gambel's" race			1		12						8	1
Harris' Sparrow			2a									
Sparrow species								40				
Bobolink						4						
Red-winged Blackbird	51	308	45	39	75	18	295	60	18	2	35	35
Western Meadowlark	6	46	35	26	10	28	52	47	10			15
Yellow-headed Blackbird	28	15		4	10		95	1				
Brewer's Blackbird	35	16		12	2	16					1	
Great-tailed Grackle					5							
Common Grackle	12	212	32	10	50		104	24	6	2	1	12
Brown-headed Cowbird	15	10	76	24	10	22		11	3	3	1	13
Bullock's Oriole	5	13	4	10	15	2	3	7	1			2
House Finch	24	212	2	11	3	4	10	5	8	4		14
Pine Siskin						4						
Lesser Goldfinch			1									
American Goldfinch	13	8	20	13		1		2	1			4
House Sparrow	7	98		2	7		113	7	4	15		5
TOTAL SPECIES	83	97	99	99	104	61	67	85	37	28	31	52
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1035	3247	954	1372	1930	546	1947	1066	204	108	343	428

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - MAY 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	5/1-18	2	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea, Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	5/13	1b	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall
	5/17	2b	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	5/18	1b1w	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings
	5/19	1	King Reservoir	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Bob Goycoolea
Red-necked Grebe	5/18	1b	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings
	5/19	1b	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Bonnie Stout
	5/26	1b	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	5/27	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Tina Jones
Neotropic Cormorant	5/18	1b	Rd. 18, 2.5 miles east of Rd. 49	Weld	Tina Jones
	5/30	1b	Ireland Reservoir	Weld	Tina Jones
American Bittern	5/31	1	Flying north over Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Great Egret	5/7	3	East of Ft. Lyon SWA	Bent	Karleen Schofield
	5/7	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	5/12	1	Near Hasty	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/16-18	2	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea, Scott Hutchings, Tony Leukering
	5/25	1	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	Tony Leukering, Bonnie Stout
Little Blue Heron	5/3	1i	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival
	5/22	1a	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Green Heron	5/5	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Karleen Schofield, Tim Davis
	5/5	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
	5/8 & 5/24	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Green Heron (con't)	5/10	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Norm Lewis
	5/16	2	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/20	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	5/19	1i	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Percival
Glossy Ibis	5/3	1	Near 124th Ave. and Buckley Rd.	Adams	Joe TenBrink (F)
	5/20	1	Neenoshee Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Snow Goose "White" Morph	5/18	1i	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings
Gargany	5/7	1m1f	Sombrero Marsh	Boulder	Tina Jones
Surf Scoter	5/10	2m1f	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire (F)
	5/13	1m1f	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall
	5/27	1m	Metro Lake, Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Smith, Van Truan, mo
Mississippi Kite	5/6	1	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold, Vince Mitzen
Broad-winged Hawk	5/4	1a	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Joe Roller
	5/12	1	Last Chance	Washington	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire
	5/21	1i	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Peregrine Falcon	5/4	1a	Buckley Rd. at 128th Ave.	Adams	Karleen Schofield,
	5/5	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold
	5/6	1a	Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Dave Smith
	5/9	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire
	5/10	1	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Norm Lewis
Blue Grouse	5/5	1f	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
	5/11	1m	Near Critchell	Jefferson	Alan Hay, Dee Hay
Lesser Prairie-Chicken	5/5	4	Rd. J at Rd. 36 east of Campo	Baca	Karleen Schofield
Black Rail	5/10	1c	Bent's Fort Marsh	Otero	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Norm Lewis
Snowy Plover	5/5	2	Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield
Piping Plover	5/28-29	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Whimbrel	5/4	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/6	1	West of Neegronda Reservoir	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield
	5/10	5	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire
	5/11	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Bonnie Stout
	5/18	1	Blue Lake	Bent	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings,
Hudsonian Godwit	5/16	1b	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
Red Knot	5/16	1	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
Sanderling	5/27	4	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tim Mitzen
	5/27	7	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/21	80	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	5/24	4	Chatfield Reservoir	Douglas	Joey Kellner, Dick Schottler, Chris Wood
Dunlin	5/19	1b	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Bob Goycoolea
Red-necked Phalarope	5/4	1f	Rd. XX and Rd. YY	Weld	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen
	5/16	1f	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
Caspian Tern	5/27	1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Tina Jones
Common Tern	5/3	1a	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival
	5/22	1a	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood

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Common Tern (con't)	5/28	1	Ireland Reservoir	Weld	Norm Erthal, Dan Bridges, Warren Finch, Dick Schottler
White-winged Dove	5/16-17	1	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Frosty Donley, Mark Janos (F)
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	5/16	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/22	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Barn Owl	5/6-7	1	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Dave Smith
	5/12	1h	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering
	5/22	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Eastern Screech-Owl	5/17-18	3	Hale	Yuma	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman, Bob Dickson, Ric Olson, David Quesenberry
Long-eared Owl	5/6-12	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joe TenBrink
Short-eared Owl	5/7	2	Near Lindon	Washington	Bonnie Stout
Common Poorwill	5/7	1	Hasty Campground	Bent	Karleen Schofield
	5/11	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Karleen Schofield
Black-chinned Hummingbird	5/4	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/5-31	3	Building 9300, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Susan Blackshaw
	5/31	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Red-headed Woodpecker	5/27	1	128th Ave. south of Barr Lake	Adams	Tim Mitzen and Vince Mitzen
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5/16	1s	South of Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
Alder Flycatcher	5/11-12	1-2	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings, mo
Least Flycatcher	5/11-12	3	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings, Tony Leukering
	5/26-27	1	Riverdale Park, Thornton	Adams	Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen
Eastern Phoebe	5/8	1	Flagler Reservoir	Kit Carson	Bonnie Stout
	5/16	1s	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/20	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Ash-throated Flycatcher	5/7	1c	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield
Great Crested Flycatcher	5/3	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Janos
	5/3	1	Along Clay Creek	Baca	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
	5/5	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold, Vince Mitzen
	5/6	1c	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Karleen Schofield, Dave Smith
	5/10-27	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger, mo
	5/11-12	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Richard Bunn, Scott Hutchings, Tony Leukering
	5/21	1c	Rd. 16 and Rd. HH	Bent	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	5/22	1c	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	5/13-14	1	Great Western Reservoir	Adams	Hugh Kingery, Bob Fiennig
	5/17	1	North Side Reservoir, Fort Carson	El Paso	Scott Garvare
Veery	5/11	1	Chatfield Reservoir	Jefferson	Lea Ann Brown
	5/13	1	Last Chance	Washington	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall
	5/20	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Don Beltz, Dale Peterson
	5/20	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/10	1	Rd. 17.5 and Rd. JJ	Bent	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Norm Lewis
	5/10	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire (F)

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Gray-cheeked Thrush (con't)	5/10	1a	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival (F)
	5/11-12	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings Richard Bunn
White-eyed Vireo	5/29	1	Moraine Park, Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Robin Corcoran
Bell's Vireo	5/21	1ms	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	5/27	1s	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival
Gray Vireo	5/28	1	Lockwood Canyon, Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site	Las Animas	Bill Maynard
Yellow-throated Vireo	5/3	1a	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival (F)
Blue-winged Warbler	5/10	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire (F)
Golden-winged Warbler	5/18	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold
Tennessee Warbler	5/13	1m	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall
	5/19	1	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Norm Erthal, Joe Roller
	5/19	1sm	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Brandon Percival, Sherry Chapman, Bob Dickson
Nashville Warbler	5/5	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold
	5/6	2	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Dave Smith
	5/10	1m	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Norm Lewis
	5/10	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/21	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Northern Parula	5/5	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/7	1f	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield
	5/9	1m	Olive Marsh	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Pearlie Sandstrom-Smith
	5/10	1m	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Norm Lewis
	5/10-16	1sm	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/11	1sm	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	5/11	1sm	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Chestnut-sided Warbler	5/5	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, mo
	5/6	1m	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Dave Smith
	5/8	1m	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	5/16	1ms	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/21-22	1f	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	5/26	1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	5/29	1	2695 Newland St.	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
	5/30	1m	Turkey Creek MAPS	El Paso	Susan Blackshaw
Magnolia Warbler	5/12	1m	Neenoshee Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	5/13	1m	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall
	5/19	1m	Neenoshee Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	5/19	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	5/20	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
	5/22	1m	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Chris Woods
Black-throated Blue Warbler	5/10	1m	Rd. 16 and Rd. HH	Bent	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Norm Lewis
	5/10	1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/11	1m	9185 E. Floyd Ave.	Denver	Kenneth W. Lane
	5/13	1f	Last Chance	Washington	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall
	5/16	1m	South of Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen, Steve Stachowiak
	5/18	1sm	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Black-throated Gray Warbler	5/10	1fym	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/12	1m	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Townsend's Warbler	5/4	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Karleen Schofield
	5/4	1m	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Joey Kellner, Peter Lowen
	5/10	1f	East of Fort Lyon on Road JJ	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/12	1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/20	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Hermit Warbler	5/17	1fym	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson (F)
Black-throated Green Warbler	5/6	1m	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Dave Smith
Blackburnian Warbler	5/5	1sm	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bill Fink, Mark Janos (F)
	5/22	1sm	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Palm Warbler	5/8	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Blackpoll Warbler	5/4-5	1m	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Peter Gent, Vic Zerbi, mo
	5/18	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	5/19	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold, Vince Mitzen
	5/31	1	780 Forest St.	Denver	Hugh Kingery, Bill Wuertelle, Suzanne Wuertelle
Black-and-white Warbler	5/10	1sm	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Norm Lewis
	5/10	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Jean Maguire
	5/10	1sm	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
	5/13	1f	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall
	5/20	1sm	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	5/21	1f	Rd. 17.5 and Rd. JJ	Bent	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	5/22	1sm	Rd. 16 and Rd. HH	Bent	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	5/26	1sm, 1f	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
American Redstart	5/30	1m	Turkey Creek MAPS	El Paso	Susan Blackshaw
Prothonotary Warbler	5/7	1sm	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival (F)
	5/25	1sm	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	Tony Leukering, Bonnie Stout
Worm-eating Warbler	5/4-5	1a	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Jaymie Arnold, Mark Hullinger, Peter Gent, Tim Mitzen, Vic Zerbi, mo (F)
	5/6	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Karleen Schofield, John Prather, Dave Smith
	5/10	1a	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival (F)
Ovenbird	5/10	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Norm Lewis
	5/19	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Jaymie Arnold
	5/21-22	1	Rd. 17.5 and Rd. JJ	Bent	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Northern Waterthrush	5/10	2	Two Buttes SWA	Baca	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Norm Lewis
	5/10	1	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal, Norm Lewis
	5/15	1	Waterton Canyon	Jefferson	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
	5/19	1	2695 Newland St.	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
	5/22	1	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Joe TenBrink, Ellie Jones, Sue Schulman
	5/25	1	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
	5/25	1	Monte Vista NWR	Rio Grande	Tony Leukering, Bonnie Stout
Kentucky Warbler	5/8	1m	Flagler Reservoir	Kit Carson	Bonnie Stout
Mourning Warbler	5/10	1m	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Norm Erthal, Joey Kellner, Norm Lewis
	5/13	1f	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joey Kellner, Glenn Hageman, Jack Reddall



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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY-JUNE 1996

June 1, Saturday

(APX)

Apex Park

Leader: Warren Finch

0600-1215. Zero miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Mostly clear, wind northwest 0-10 mph, 50-70°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Ford, Pearl Jordan, Eric Lindberg, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Dave Moore, Dick Schottler, Steven Segal, Bob Spencer, Ray Stahlgren, Chuck Walters.

49 species, 178 individuals.

June 2, Sunday

(LYO)

Lyons area

Leader: Ray Davis

0800-1430. Zero miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 65-75°F.

Observers: Cindy Cornelius, Andy Cowell, Gail Evans, Cindy Hall, Don Hall, Kevin Hanley, Tina Jones, Pearl Jordan, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, D.W. King, Betsy Lang, David Lang, Leslie Larson, Brian Lewis, Ed McConkey, Mort Staatz.

57 species, 362 individuals.

June 8, Saturday

(WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Mort Staatz

0700-1115. 0.5 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, calm, 70-84°F.

Observers: Shirley Blackburn, Bobbi Brown, Sherry Chapman, Dave Compton, Tom Gibb, Barbara Hagerman, Pearl Jordan, Gene Rutherford, Buzz Schaumberg, Anne Southcott, Vito Tursi, Chuck Walters.

30 species, 335 individuals.

June 9, Sunday

(LMT)

Longmont and Lyons area to include Union Reservoir, Lyons and Peaceful Valley

Leader: Bill Prather

0730-1730. 73 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy with afternoon showers, wind 0-1 mph, 70-82°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, D.W. King, Tom Pucelik, Dave Rhoades, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Amy Young.

82 species, 599 individuals.

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June 15, Saturday

(BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe

0800-1100. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Overcast to rain, wind west to northwest

19-24 mph, 65-58°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Mary Burger, Carol Drew, Bob Ford, Tom Gibb, Ruth Holland, Jo Ann Kozan, Gene Rutherford, Sue Schulman, Paul Tickner, Chuck Walters.

42 species, 269 individuals.

June 16, Sunday

(BCP)

Bear Creek, plains to foothills

Leader: Cal Wichern

0800-1400. 45 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, 90°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Hugh Ravatt.

34 species, 170 individuals.

June 22, Saturday

(RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Bob Righter

0800-1500. 40 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Wind 0-10 mph, 40-70°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Andrews, Audrey Blair, Dale Bucknam, Carolyn Cooley, Gail Evans, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Al Hay, JoAnn Kamby, JoAnn Kozan, Peter Lowen, Marge Mills, Ric Olson, Jack Reddall, Dave Rhoades, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Shirley Spencer, Pat Wales, Chuck Walters.

49 species, 243 individuals.

June 23, Sunday

(CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Dave Quesenberry

0730-1130. 5 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, 70-85°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Don Ice, Nancy Quesenberry, Ames Rau, Ernest Roberts, Lee Rowe, Marilyn Rowe, Peter Spanberger.

43 species, 338 individuals.

June 29, Saturday (FCR)

Fountain Creek Regional Park to include Colorado Springs SWA

Leader: Ed Holub

0730-1450. 20 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Sunny turning partly cloudy, calm.

Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Andrews, Carolyn Cooley, Don Ice, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Amy Young.

51 species, 360 individuals.

June 30, Sunday (BHP)

Belmar Historic Park to include Sanctuary Park

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0800-1215. 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind south 0-2 mph, 63-79°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Dale Bucknam, Don Ice, Sue Kane, Judy Kaye, Vito Tursi, Pat Wales.

35 species, 439 individuals.

INDEPENDENT TRIP

June 12, Wednesday (IND)

Julesburg to Denver to include South Platte River at Julesburg, Ovid, Sedgwick, Red Lion, Jumbo and Tamarack Ranch SWA's, Fort Morgan, Lower Latham Reservoir and area farm ponds, Ireland Reservoir, Cherry Creek State Park

Observer: Jack Reddall

0445-1730. 247 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Mostly clear to partly cloudy, wind variable

5-25 mph, 50-80°F.

98 species, 2,755 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

June 4, Tuesday (RMP)

Rocky Mountain National Park to include McGraw Ranch, Cow Creek Trail and Prather Ashe Property

Leaders: Betsy Ashe, Prather Ashe, Ann Bonnell. 46 observers.

0900-1200. Eight miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind west 5-15 mph, 60-70°F. 36 species, 140 individuals.

June 10-11, Tuesday-Wednesday (LLA)

Los Lagos near Rollinsville

Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin, Ann Bonnell.

55 observers.

0700-2000 on June 10, 0900-1130 on June 11.

3 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind northeast 2-4 mph, 63-72°F.

35 species, 174 individuals.

June 18, Tuesday (STP)

Stapleton Park Braille Trail

Leader: Alice Kruse. 24 observers.

0830-1200. 1.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind west 0-5 mph, 65-75°F.

34 species, 176 individuals.

June 25, Tuesday (PVR)

Pine Valley Ranch Park

Jefferson County Open Space

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0830-1230. 16 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, wind northeast 0-5 mph, 73-74°F.

27 species, 138 individuals.

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CORRECTIONS TO THE JUNE 1996 TABLES AND REPORTS

The nine Lark Buntings reported on the May 10 Spring Count at Cherry Creek Reservoir should have been listed as nine **Lark Sparrows**.

Additionally, one **Indigo Bunting** was left off the trip list for the May 22 DFO Field Trip to Castlewood Canyon State Park.

Please update your June Reports to reflect these additions and corrections. The editor regrets these errors.

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JUNE FIELD TRIPS SPECIES	1 APX	2 LYO	8 WRG	9 LMT	15 BAR	16 BCP	22 RMP	23 CSP	29 FCR	30 BHP	12 IND	4 RMP	10-11 LLA	18 STP	25 PVR
Pied-billed Grebe				3							1				
Western Grebe				5				2			20				
Clark's Grebe				2							3				
American White Pelican				24	12	1					25				
Double-crested Cormorant			3	2	3	9		8	11	3	60				
Neotropic Cormorant											1a				
Great Blue Heron		2		2	5	2	1	4	12	1	7				2
Black-crowned Night-Heron											1a				
Snow Goose "White" morph											1a				
Canada Goose		9	155	24	37	12		8	17	74a18i	100				
Wood Duck											1				
Green-winged Teal							2				4				
Mallard		2	20	18	16	10	4		10	27a21i	180		16		9
Northern Pintail											4m				
Blue-winged Teal			1								15				
Cinnamon Teal											5m1f				
Northern Shoveler											10		2		
Gadwall				2		2				1	10				
American Wigeon											1f				
Redhead										6a1i	4				
Ring-necked Duck							2								
Lesser Scaup											3m				
Common Merganser		2						1							
Ruddy Duck				5		2					60				
Turkey Vulture		2		1					1			5	2	4	3
Bald Eagle					2a1i										

SPECIES	1 APX	2 LYO	8 WRG	9 LMT	15 BAR	16 BCP	22 RMP	23 CSP	29 FCR	30 BHP	12 IND	4 RMP	10-11 LLA	18 STP	25 PVR
Northern Harrier					1										
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1			
Cooper's Hawk	1						1								
Swainson's Hawk				1	2			2	1	1	5				
Red-tailed Hawk		3	1				2	2				3	1	2	2
Western races	2			1		2			3		3				
"Kriders" race											1				
Buteo species												1			
Golden Eagle		2a1i		4											1
American Kestrel		2		6	2			1	3	2	10				
Ring-necked Pheasant				1	1h						2m				
White-tailed Ptarmigan							1								
Northern Bobwhite											11h				
Virginia Rail			1h												
Sora										1					
American Coot				6						10a14i					
Killdeer		1	1	6	2				1		75				
American Avocet										4a2i	35				
Solitary Sandpiper											1				
Spotted Sandpiper		1h		2			3				5	1			
Upland Sandpiper											5				
Marbled Godwit											3				
Least Sandpiper											1				
White-rumped Sandpiper											8				
Common Snipe													1		
Wilson's Phalarope											15				
Franklin's Gull											60				
Ring-billed Gull										1	25				
California Gull					1					1	15				
Forster's Tern				1							2				
Black Tern											35				
Rock Dove	10	9		9	4		6		1	1	45				
Mourning Dove	1		3	9	8	6		8	12	18	150		1		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo											2				
Great Horned Owl		1a1i									1				
Eastern Screech Owl			1												
Burrowing Owl											2				
Common Nighthawk											2				
Black Swift							1								
Chimney Swift											15				
White-throated Swift	1	4		3			2					1			6
Black-chinned Hummingbird									1						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	7	4		10			20	5				8	35	38	21
Belted Kingfisher		2	2		2	1		1	2		2				
Lewis' Woodpecker		2		2					1						
Red-headed Woodpecker									2		1				
Red-naped Sapsucker				1			6					2			1
Williamson's Sapsucker							3								
Downy Woodpecker				1			2		2				1	1	
Eastern races											1				
Hairy Woodpecker		1		1			2	2						1	
Three-toed Woodpecker												1			
Northern Flicker			10		1		2	1			10				
"Red-shafted" race	1	6		2		6			4	7					
Olive-sided Flycatcher												1			3
Western Wood-Pewee	1	3		3	2,3h	1	6	12	1			3	1	4	2
Hammond's Flycatcher	2														
Dusky Flycatcher				2		1	1								

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Cordilleran Flycatcher	3	2		5			1					1	3	6	3
Eastern Phoebe									1						
Say's Phoebe	3														
Great Crested Flycatcher											1				
Western Kingbird				9	8			1	7		50				
Eastern Kingbird				2	4			2	3		15				
Horned Lark							2				20				
Tree Swallow					12	2	20	1		6	1	4	11		
Violet-green Swallow	7	12		26			20	2				16	2	25	18
No. Rough-winged Swallow		2		1	2	6		3	10	2	4				
Cliff Swallow		103	14	31				100	50	22	40				2
Barn Swallow	3	21	1	11	12				6	12a4i	160	3			
Steller's Jay	5			2		2	7						2	6	2
Blue Jay		7	1	1					7		6				
Scrub Jay	2														
Clark's Nutcracker							4								
Black-billed Magpie	2	1	15	2	8	6	8	12	11	3	7	3		2	
American Crow	1	1	2	2			4	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	4
Common Raven		1		2			7					3			
Black-capped Chickadee	2	7a5i	4	2	5	2			5	3	1		1		2
Mountain Chickadee	3			2			6						4	3	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3			2			2						3		
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1		2									2	5	
Pygmy Nuthatch	2											1	3	12	
Brown Creeper							1							1	
Rock Wren	3														
Canyon Wren				2											
House Wren	2	1		3	3	2	10	20	15		40	12	1	2	
Marsh Wren				3							2				
American Dipper							1								
Golden-crowned Kinglet							1								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				4			10					4	10	2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								4							
Eastern Bluebird											1m				
Western Bluebird						2								2	
Mountain Bluebird							6					5	3		
Townsend's Solitaire				1		2	1					2		1	
Hermit Thrush													3h	1	
American Robin	15	9	10	15	2	10	10	8	16	3	50	13	19	8	16
Gray Catbird		3		1											
Northern Mockingbird									2		1				
Brown Thrasher											6				
American Pipit							8								
Cedar Waxwing		4						3							3
European Starling	5	16		98	25	15	15	20	1	23a4i	300				
Bell's Vireo											3				
Solitary Vireo	2							3						2	
Warbling Vireo	4	2		2	2		8		3		10	1	3	4	2
Red-eyed Vireo		1						1							
Virginia's Warbler	2														
Yellow Warbler	1	16	4	13	3			12	9	1	8	1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race				8			4					2			3
MacGillivray's Warbler	1													2	
Common Yellowthroat		2	5	3	1,3h	1		4	3		3m				
Wilson's Warbler				7			2					2	1		
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	1		2				6			1				
Western Tanager	3	3			2							1		2	1

SPECIES	1 APX	2 LYO	8 WRG	9 LMT	15 BAR	16 BCP	22 RMP	23 CSP	29 FCR	30 BHP	12 IND	4 RMP	10-11 LLA	18 STP	25 PVR
Northern Cardinal											1m				
Black-headed Grosbeak	8	1		2					2		1m	2	3		3
Blue Grosbeak				3	4						1m1f				
Lazuli Bunting	5	2		9	2			4	5						
Indigo Bunting								2							
Dickcissel											3m				
Green-tailed Towhee	5						1					2		3	4
Eastern Towhee											1m				
Spotted Towhee	20	1		10				5	1						
Chipping Sparrow						1						20	5	4	3
Field Sparrow											2				
Vesper Sparrow	2														
Lark Sparrow		1		2	1						3				
Lark Bunting											40				
Savannah Sparrow				1							3		1		
Song Sparrow	2	3	6	1	2	3		2	9	3	2	4			17
Lincoln's Sparrow				1			3								
White-crowned Sparrow							2								
Harris' Sparrow															
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	1			2		3	4					2	2	1	
Red-winged Blackbird		2	25	27	30	4	2	6	14	46	250		2		
Western Meadowlark	2	2		7	4	3		12	11	3	250				
Yellow-headed Blackbird			4	22	1				2	3	15				
Rusty Blackbird			1												
Brewer's Blackbird	1	4		8					40		5		2	2	
Common Grackle	5	12	20	31	12	4			3	19a1i	200	1		7	
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	4	2	6				7	2	1	35		2	2	4
Orchard Oriole											10				
Baltimore Oriole									1		6m				
Bullock's Oriole	2	4	4	7	7	12		9	8	1	2m				
Pine Grosbeak							6								
Cassin's Finch														5	
House Finch	5	9	2	6		15		10	20	22	2				1
Pine Siskin	5	7		18		6						6	16	12	
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race	2	5		2				5	6					2	
American Goldfinch		10	6	2	8			15	5		5				
Finch species												1			
House Sparrow	5	14	12	9	3	14			10	41	120				
TOTAL SPECIES	49	57	30	82	42	34	49	43	51	35	98	36	35	34	27
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	178	362	335	599	269	170	243	338	375	439	2755	140	174	176	138

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JUNE 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	6/17	1b1w	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
Neotropical Cormorant	6/10	1	Ireland Reservoir	Weld	Bob Brown
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	6/1	1l	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Ferruginous Hawk	6/3-30	2a3i	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Pearl Jordon, mo
Blue Grouse	6/17	1	Percival's Cabin	Custer	Brandon Percival
Black Rail	6/22	1h	Bent's Fort	Otero	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
King Rail	6/22	1h	Bent's Fort	Otero	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Mountain Plover	6/15	6	Gilpin BBS Route	Bent	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
	6/22	1	Crowley BBS Route	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Van Truan

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Willet	6/22	2	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Long-billed Curlew	6/15	4	Gilpin BBS Route	Bent	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Whimbrel	6/1	1	Pond west of Anton	Washington	Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak
Marbled Godwit	6/22	5	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Caspian Tern	6/18	3	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Common Tern	6/1	1a	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	6/15	1i	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Band-tailed Pigeon	6/17	20	Percival's Cabin	Custer	Brandon Percival
	6/21	1a	Along Colorado River, Palisade	Mesa	Dan Bridges
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/16	2	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Greater Roadrunner	6/15	2	Gilpin BBS Route	Bent	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
	6/22	1	Crowley BBS Route	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Black Swift	6/7-29	1-5	Above Catamount Creek, Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
	6/22	2a	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Blue-throated Hummingbird	6/15	1f	Cottonwood Canyon	Las Animas	Dan Bridges
Black-chinned Hummingbird	6/1-30	2 pair	Building 9300, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Red-headed Woodpecker	6/8	1	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Joe TenBrink, Tom Hablitzel, Jean Maguire
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	6/15	1	South of Las Animas	Bent	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Three-toed Woodpecker	6/18	1m	Snowslide Trail	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Alder Flycatcher	6/25	1	Chatfield/Waterton	Jefferson	Dick Schottler, Joey Kellner
Willow Flycatcher	6/1	1s	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
	6/12-30	2n	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Joe TenBrink, Tom Hablitzel, Bob Spencer
Least Flycatcher	6/22	2c	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Dusky Flycatcher	6/17	1s	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	6/28	1s	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eastern Phoebe	6/28	1	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Cassin's Kingbird	6/15	1	Gilpin BBS Route	Bent	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
	6/22	1	Crowley BBS Route	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Swainson's Thrush	6/1	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
Northern Mockingbird	6/9-30	15	Throughout Elbert	Elbert	Joe TenBrink
	6/27	5	Near The Pinery	Douglas	Joe TenBrink
Magnolia Warbler	6/9	1sm	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Dan Bridges
American Redstart	6/22	10sm	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Ovenbird	6/17	1s	Old Lake Isabel Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	6/28	1s	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Morning Warbler	6/3	1m	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joe Himmel, Pearl Jordan, Joe TenBrink
Hepatic Tanager	6/6-7	2 pair	Wild Mountain, Fort Carson	Fremont	Richard Bunn
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	6/6-17	1m	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
	6/9-26	1ms	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Joe TenBrink, Don Beltz, mo
Painted Bunting	6/15	1sm	Cottonwood Canyon	Las Animas	Dan Bridges
Dickcissel	6/8	1s	Doyle Bridge BBS Route	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Cassin's Sparrow	6/3	3	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Pearl Jordan
Brewer's Sparrow	6/3	5	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Pearl Jordan
Grasshopper Sparrow	6/3	10	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Pearl Jordan
McCown's Longspur	6/3	40	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Pearl Jordan
Chestnut-collared Longspur	6/3	2	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Pearl Jordan
Orchard Oriole	6/26	1m1f 1i	White Rocks Trail	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Brown-capped Rosy Finch	6/16	2-4	Summit of Pikes Peak	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	6/29	2-4	Summit of Pikes Peak	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Pine Grosbeak	6/29	5	Elk Park, Pikes Peak	Teller	Richard Bunn
Red Crossbill	6/29	3	Elk Park, Pikes Peak	Teller	Richard Bunn

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

August 3, Saturday (GUA)

Guanella Pass to include Bailey and Georgetown

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682

Meet at 0700 at Park-n-Ride at Hampden Ave. and Wadsworth Blvd. Bring lunch and water.

August 4, Sunday (WPW)

Walden Pond Wildlife Area to include nearby Boulder reservoirs

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Meet to carpool at 0700 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of N. Sheridan Blvd. and W. 88th Ave. next to the police station, or join group at 0730 at the south end of Baseline Reservoir. From US 36 northbound take Table Mesa/Foothills Parkway exit. Turn right (east) on S. Boulder Rd. to Cherryvale Rd. (traffic light), turn left (north) to reservoir. The trip will look for shorebirds and will end early afternoon. Bring lunch and water. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 10-11, Saturday-Sunday (WTM)

Wet Mountains, west of Pueblo

Leader: Brandon Percival, 719-547-3722

Meet on Friday at 0900 at the Loaf-n-Jug in Colorado City. Go west from I-25 on CO 165 about 5 miles to the meeting place on the right. Or meet on Saturday at 0800 at St. Charles Trail, 4 miles north of Lake Isabel on CO 165. Owling will start Friday and Saturday nights at 2100 at St. Charles Trail. We will try for Northern Saw-whet Owl and Flammulated Owl. Friday we will bird in Colorado City, Rye, and San Isabel areas. Saturday we will bird the San Isabel area. Sunday we will bird Colorado City and Burnt Mill Road.

Bring food for lunches and other meals and water for each day. There is a restaurant at Lake Isabel. Also bring flashlights and rain gear. Camping is available around Lake Isabel and there is limited room for camping or sleeping in your vehicle around my cabin. Hotel in Colorado City: Greenhorn Inn, 719-676-3315.

August 10, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: David Rhoades, 424-8633

Meet leader at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake, 44th Ave. and Robb St. Bring water. Lunch optional.

August 11, Sunday (GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet at 0630 at Park-n-Ride at Ward Road and I-70. Bring lunch and plenty of water. State Parks Pass required.

August 17-18, Saturday-Sunday (CLR)

Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet leader at south side of parking lot at Shady Rest Motel, Oshkosh, Nebraska at 0730 Saturday. We will spend Saturday at the refuge. Sunday we will go to Ash Hollow State Historical Park and the Clear Creek Waterfowl Management Area at Lake McConaughy. Bring breakfast and lunch for both days. There is a convenience store in Oshkosh that has breakfast to microwave. Plan to stay at the Shady Rest Motel, 308-772-4115, \$26 for single, \$32 for double. It takes 4.5 to 5 hours to drive to Oshkosh from Denver. Take I-76 east to US 26 and go west to Oshkosh. Contact leader if you are going so that car pools may be arranged. Cars should have high clearance and participants should bring rain gear. Some common birds we should see include Eared Grebe, bittern, Canvasback, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Baird's Sandpiper, Long-billed Curlew, Black Tern, and Bobolink.

August 17, Saturday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, 798-8072

Meet leader at 0700 at Park-n-Ride at Mineral Ave. and S. Santa Fe Dr. Bring water. Lunch Optional. Should see waterfowl, kingfisher, herons and hawks.

August 18, Sunday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Diana Mullineaux, 278-7245

Meet at 0730 at the Deer Creek entrance on west side of park. Bring water. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

August 24, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035

Meet at 0630 at park entry station. Bring water. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 25, Sunday (PRE)

Prewitt Reservoir and Tamarack Ranch

Leader: Sherry Chapman, 699-1351

Meet at 0600 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Bring water and lunch. Should see waterfowl, shorebirds, and some fall migrants.

August 31, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-6092

Meet at 0530 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Bring plenty of water and lunch. This trip will include about four miles of walking.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

**BIRD COSTA RICA'S HOT SPOTS
FEBRUARY 14-28, 1997**

Featuring Manuel Antonio National Park, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Carara Reserve, and San Gerardo de Dota (where you are guaranteed to see the Resplendent Quetzal) and La Selva. All expenses will be shared. Contact Dieter or Alicia Kamm at 697-9681, for additional information and reservations. Trip will be limited to 10 participants.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

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All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00
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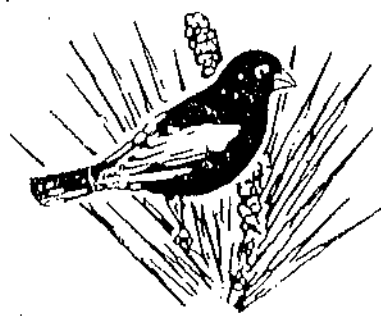
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THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Program: Albatrosses, Penguins and Ice - Birding the Antarctic Peninsula
Joe Roller

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY-JULY 1996

July 5-7, Friday-Sunday (NOP)

North Park, to include Fraser, Windy Gap Reservoir, Willow Creek Pass, Walden, Arapaho NWR, Colorado State Forest

Leader: Bob Spencer

75 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Variably cloudy, wind northwest 5-30 mph, 60-85°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Shirley Spencer.

89 species, 1,706 individuals.

July 6, Saturday (MTL)

Mount Lindo

Leader: Dieter Kamm

0830-1210. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 68-82°F.

Observers: Tom Cebb, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Alicia Kamm.

24 species, 58 individuals.

July 7, Sunday (RSC)

Riverside Cemetery

Leader: Jackie King

0730-1315. 32 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 58-87°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Carolyn Cooley, Don Ice, Luz Ice, Peter Spanberger, Vito Tursi.
32 species, 656 individuals.

July 13, Saturday (PAC)

Park County, Jefferson, Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch

Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins

0830-1600. 40 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph, 44-78°F.

Observers: Gail Evans, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Hope Leighton, Peter Lowen, Catherine Newell, Todd Newell, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Jack Reddall, Syl Sather, Sue Schulman, Helen Standish.

62 species, 600 individuals.

July 14, Sunday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: David Quesenberry

0730-1230. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-5 mph, 75-90°F.

Observers: Bryan Bolen, Dave Bolen, Don Ice, Marlene Andrews, Karleen Schofield, Jim Norton, Sherry Chapman, Mary Dexter.

45 species, 335 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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July 20, Saturday

(FIL)

*Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes and West
Chicago Creek*

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0800-1530. 47 miles by car, 2.75 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph,
55-75°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Sue Berglund,
Mary Kay Burger, Mae Criley, Tammy Ferreira,
Al Hay, Dee Hay, Ella Jones, Chuck Lowrie,
Dick Pratt, Jack Reddall, Sue Schulman, Karleen
Schofield, Tricia Silvestri.

47 species, 215 individuals.

July 21, Sunday

(DOU)

Doudy Draw

Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster

0830-1200. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Calm, 75-90°F.

Observers: Mae Criley, Ken Fredericks, Myriam
Friggens.

24 species, 169 individuals.

July 27, Saturday

(PNG)

*Pawnee National Grassland and
Greeley lakes*

Leader: Dick Pratt

0800-1630. 200 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 80°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling,
Nancy Bierling, Chris Blakeslee, Warren Finch,
Pearl Jordan, Dave Mueller, Chris Owens,
Richard Owens, Jack Reddall, Gene Rutherford,
Mort Staatz, Ellen Swanson.

81 species, 2,717 individuals.

July 28, Sunday

(SIL)

Silverthorne area

Leader: Virginia Bleck

0815-1445. 30 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind 0-10 mph, 60-75°F.

Observers: Chuck Lowrie, Carolyn Rust, Kurt
Rust, Tina Rust, Tom Rust.

38 species, 135 individuals.

July 31, Wednesday (BIB)

Binoculars in the backyard

Leader: Tina Jones

1800-2000. Zero miles by car, zero miles on foot.

Sunny to partly cloudy, slight breeze, 75-87°F.

Observers: Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Gail Campbell, Gene Hedtcke, Chuck Lowrie, Jean Morgan, Pat Morris, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Paul Priest, Verla Priest, Marjorie Roberts, Anne Southcott.

16 species, 86 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

July 2, Tuesday (GOL)

Golden, to include Crawford Gulch and Panorama Point in Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.

0830-1400. 17 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind west 0-5 mph,

69-75°F. 38 species, 178 individuals.

July 9, Tuesday (ATS)

Alderfer Three Sisters Jeffco Open Space Park

Leader: Else Van Erp. 16 observers.

0930-1330. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on

foot. Overcast, calm, 63°F.

31 species, 149 individuals.

July 16, Tuesday (MTE)

Mount Evans to include Echo and Summit Lakes from El Rancho

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.

0830-1330. 40 miles by car, 2.0 miles by foot.

Partly cloudy, wind northwest 0-35 mph,

55-67°F. 24 species, 118 individuals.

July 23, Tuesday (GUA)

Grant, Guanella Pass and Burning Bear Campground to Georgetown

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.

0800-1430. 100 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, light breeze, 63-80°F.

20 species, 94 individuals.

July 30, Tuesday (ELR)

El Rancho to Lake Granby and Windy Gap

Leaders: Selma Berman and Ann Bonnell.

12 observers.

0930-1300. 40 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot,

16 miles by boat. Cloudy to clear, calm,

70-82°F. 31 species, 822 individuals.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The DFO Educational Endowment Fund has been established by the Board of Directors using funds received from former member Mary Hope Robinson's estate. Interest generated from the fund will be awarded annually in the form of grants for educational projects that promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. A copy of the grant application form and guidelines for applicants can be found on page 108. Grant funding is limited and the Board will serve as the award selection committee.

THANKS TO PEARL JORDAN

Denver Field Ornithologists would like to thank Pearl Jordan for serving as a Field trip scheduler for the last year. The October schedule will be her last. She and the other schedulers Jackie King, and Mort Staatz spend many hours planning each month's trips and contacting members to lead these trips. We appreciate the time that Pearl has donated to DFO. Thanks, Pearl.

DFO field trips generate the data so important to the ornithological community in following population and expansion trends of avian species in the state, plus they're a lot of fun.

Although DFO currently has nearly 100 leaders on our field trip leader list, it can seem at times that everyone is occupied, especially during the summer vacation months. Here's how you can help. Offer to serve as a trip leader. Even one trip a year to your favorite birding spot would be appreciated.

Volunteer to serve as a field trip scheduler for at least one year, or four months of schedules.

Suggest new birding sites, both urban and rural so more variety can be added to the monthly schedules. If unable to lead the trip, give us directions. We'll scout the area and find a leader.

And, continue to express your appreciation not only to the trip leaders and schedulers for giving of their time and expertise, but also to our hard working DFO officers, newsletter editor and other volunteers.

If you can help, please phone Karleen Schofield, 936-8661 after October 15, or any of the trip schedulers listed in *The Lark Bunting*.

DENVER AUDUBON PRESENTS COURSE ON MIGRATING SWAINSON'S HAWKS

September is when lots of Swainson's Hawks can be seen on their way to South America. To help people see and identify them, the Denver Audubon Society will offer a course on Swainson Hawk Migration and Fall bird

identification taught by Tina Jones, one of the area's best known naturalists.

The course includes two field trips to see migrating Swainson's and Red-tailed Hawks, as well as other raptors, songbirds and shorebirds. Field trips will take place on Sunday, September 15, and Sunday, September 22. Class instruction on Tuesday, September 10, will be provided before the field trips.

Cost of the course is \$40 for Audubon members and \$50 for non-members. Enrollment is limited and the course must be prepaid. To register or for more information, call the Denver Audubon office at 696-0877.

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT

Susan P. Blansett

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan P. Blansett	1000 19th St., Golden, 80401	278-3105
Hawk Alley Wetlands Keepers	8801 W. Belleview, #C101, Littleton, 80123	972-2178
Wanda and Lester Jones	14364 E. Caley Ave., Aurora, 80016	699-7601
John and Barbara Morrison	1065 S. High St., Denver, 80209-4552	744-2461
Chris Sherry	7318-F S. Xenia Cir., Englewood, 80112	770-9859

SPECIES	5-7 NOP	6 MTL	7 RSC	13 PAC	14 PRP	20 FIL	21 DOU	27 PNG	28 SIL	31 BIB	2 GOL	9 ATS	16 MTE	23 GUA	30 ELR
Pied-billed Grebe	10			1				4							
Horned Grebe															2a9i
Eared Grebe	14			40				1							
Western Grebe	2							188							
American White Pelican	10		7					81							9
Double-crested Cormorant	11		50					314		3					10
Great Blue Heron	1		4					7							15
Snowy Egret								13							
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2		6		1										
Canada Goose	320		35	80				90		24					335
Wood Duck								1							
Green-winged Teal	6			1											
Mallard	29		18	20	19			10	1		18				65
Northern Pintail								1							

SPECIES	5-7	6	7	13	14	20	21	27	28	31	2	9	16	23	30
	NOP	MTL	RSC	PAC	PRP	FIL	DOU	PNG	SIL	BIB	GOL	ATS	MTE	GUA	ELR
Cinnamon Teal	2		1	3				13							
Northern Shoveler	5							1							
Gadwall	85			30				3							
American Wigeon	63							3							
Redhead	13			2				22							
Ring-necked Duck	16			4											
Lesser Scaup	34			17											2
Bufflehead				2											
Duck species (eclipse)															125
Common Merganser	7														7
Ruddy Duck	25			8				10							
Turkey Vulture	2	1		2		7	1					1	9	9	2
Osprey									2a2i						28
Bald Eagle	1														
Northern Harrier					2										
Sharp-shinned Hawk												1			
Swainson's Hawk	6		5	3	2			8							2
Red-tailed Hawk				2	1			2			3				5
Western races	1	1													
Golden Eagle	4								1						2a1i
American Kestrel	5							2							2
Prairie Falcon								1							
Sage Grouse	1														
Sora	1														
American Coot	70							3							
Killdeer	13		4	1	3			16							
Mountain Plover								1							
Black-necked Stilt								2							
American Avocet	24			15				3							
Greater Yellowlegs								2							
Lesser Yellowlegs								6							
Solitary Sandpiper					2			3							
Willet	1														
Spotted Sandpiper	6a3i			1	3			1			4				2
Least Sandpiper								10							
White-rumped Sandpiper	2														
Baird's Sandpiper								21							
Dowitcher species								30							
Common Snipe	2														
Wilson's Phalarope	5			2				30							
Calidris Species				1											
Franklin's Gull								153							
Ring-billed Gull								6		1					
California Gull	61							1							52
Herring Gull			2												
Gull species													1		
Forster's Tern	9							3							
Tern species															2
Rock Dove	5		25					12			5				
Band-tailed Pigeon						30									
Mourning Dove	5	4	27		6	3	10	58		2	1	1			
Great Horned Owl					1			1							
Burrowing Owl								8							
Common Nighthawk	2				1			3							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	21	4		6		11	1	2	6	3	5	8	7	3	11
Rufous Hummingbird				2		1			2						8
Hummingbird species					1										
Belted Kingfisher	1														

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	NOP	MTL	RSC	PAC	PRP	FIL	DOU	PNG	SIL	BIB	GOL	ATS	MTE	GUA	ELR
Red-naped Sapsucker	8			6		5			11		3				
Williamson's Sapsucker						1									
Downy Woodpecker				2	1			1		1					
Hairy Woodpecker															
"Rocky Mountain" race	1					1									
Northern Flicker					5				1	1	1	2	2	1	
"Red-shafted" race	3		4	6		1					2				
Olive-sided Flycatcher				2							2				
Western Wood-Pewee	3			4	7				2						
Dusky Flycatcher	1			2											
Cordilleran Flycatcher		1									5				
Empidonax species				1					1						
Eastern Phoebe								3							
Say's Phoebe	1														
Western Kingbird			12		1		1	23							
Eastern Kingbird					4			3							
Horned Lark	7			30				64							
Tree Swallow	12			35		3			2		1	4			10
Violet-green Swallow	18	3		3	2	7			4		4	13			2
No. Rough-winged Swallow					20										
Bank Swallow					2		4	300							
Cliff Swallow	166		230	40	40			14	2		50			20	50
Barn Swallow	24	1	35	4	1	4		116				3			
Gray Jay	5			2		1			2					2	
Steller's Jay		2				6			4		2	4	8		
Blue Jay								5		2					
Scrub Jay		1												2	
Clark's Nutcracker						2							1	4	
Black-billed Magpie	9		23	5	2	1	1	1	6		1				4
American Crow	28		1	45		2		4	10			5	7		4
Common Raven	15			5		6	1				1		4	3	3
Black-capped Chickadee			1		2	1	2	1	4	3		10			
Mountain Chickadee		3		2		3			1	3	2	8	3	2	
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1m											1		
White-breasted Nuthatch		1				1						3	2		
Pygmy Nuthatch						4						10			
Brown Creeper									1						
House Wren	3	1		1	11	2	1		2		3				
Winter Wren								1							
Marsh Wren	8														
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1														
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	9			10		1			6		2a2i		3		
Western Bluebird						3						4			
Mountain Bluebird	5			25					3		1	3		1	6
Townsend's Solitaire		1									1			1	
Veery	5														
Hermit Thrush		1		2					1		2		2a2i	2	
Catharus species				1											
American Robin	25	10	22	12	9	6	10	3	10	1	3	7	5	2	1
Northern Mockingbird								1							
Sage Thrasher	13						4								
Brown Thrasher								2							
American Pipit						6							5		
Cedar Waxwing					1										
Loggerhead Shrike								3							
European Starling	2		45		5			43			1				
Warbling Vireo	2			3							6	1	2		
Virginia's Warbler		1					2								

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Yellow Warbler	14		1	3	10				2						
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" race	3			4		3					1		3	4	
Ovenbird												1c			
Common Yellowthroat			2		8			3							
Wilson's Warbler	6			1		3			3					11	
Yellow-breasted Chat					6		2								
Western Tanager		5				2					4	5			
Black-headed Grosbeak		4			1	4	3					2			
Blue Grosbeak					1										
Lazuli Bunting							2								
Indigo Bunting							2								
Green-tailed Towhee		2				1					2	3			
Spotted Towhee		3					24								
Chipping Sparrow						8			1			12			
Brewer's Sparrow	5											1			
Vesper Sparrow	5			3			12					2			
Lark Sparrow					3			1							
Lark Bunting								557							
Savannah Sparrow	9			12				1				2			
Grasshopper Sparrow								1							
Fox Sparrow				1		1									
Song Sparrow	7		2	2	4	2		2			2		1	2	
Lincoln's Sparrow	1			1		4			6				2	3	
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race	7			3		8			10				6	7	
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	2	2		7		2			2		1	1	1	1	
McCown's Longspur								32							
Chestnut-collared Longspur								3							
Red-winged Blackbird	27		40	8	60	1		18	1		12			14	20
Western Meadowlark	10			3	5		30	36			1				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	30				3			21							
Brewer's Blackbird	210			8		2		1	5						24
Great-tailed Grackle			1					3							
Common Grackle	2		17		8			200	4	1	1				
Brown-headed Cowbird	16		3	9	8	5	12	56	4		3				
Orchard Oriole					2										
Bullock's Oriole			3		9		40	2							
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch						4							10		
Pine Grosbeak				6					3						
Cassin's Finch	6			10		9			6						
House Finch		1m	9		30	3	2	4		15	1	2			
Red Crossbill	1	4m				24			6		1	1m1f	30		
Common Redpoll															
Pine Siskin	54			25		8			5		2	18			2
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race "Black-backed" race					2		1			5 10	3				
American Goldfinch	3		8		20		1	1		3			1		
Evening Grosbeak	2											10			
House Sparrow	6		13	3		2		41		5					
TOTAL SPECIES	89	24	32	62	45	47	24	81	38	16	38	31	24	20	31
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1706	58	656	600	335	215	169	2717	135	86	170	149	118	94	822

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JULY 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Common Loon	7/11	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
Neotropic Cormorant	7/13	1a	Ireland Reservoir	Weld	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Great Egret	7/12	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan
Cattle Egret	7/3	1ab	Red Lion SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/20	9	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Mississippi Kite	7/11-14	1	Near Mineral Palace Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
	7/21	1m, 1f, 1l	Pueblo	Pueblo	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
Harris' Hawk	7/15-16	1sba	US 285, 12 miles south of Saguache	Saguache	Dan Bridges
Peregrine Falcon	7/20	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Dan Bridges
Chukar	7/7	9	Cameo	Mesa	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
Blue Grouse	7/5	1	Squaw Pass	Clear Creek	Van Remsen, Catherine Remsen
	7/23, 27, 28, 29	1-4	Near Critchell	Jefferson	Alan Hay, Dee Hay
Wild Turkey	7/4	1	Rainbow Hills Rd. near Bergen Park	Jefferson	Van Remsen, Catherine Remsen
Snowy Plover	7/20	8	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Mountain Plover	7/14	4	West of Briggsdale	Weld	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Black-necked Stilt	7/3	1a	Red Lion SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/20	6	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
	7/22	10	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Greater Yellowlegs	7/8	12a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Lesser Yellowlegs	7/8	6a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Solitary Sandpiper	7/8	1a	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Willet	7/8	15	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Upland Sandpiper	7/3	16	US 138 east of Crook	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/11	2	Rd. 38 east of Rd. 39	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Marbled Godwit	7/8	65	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	7/8	1a	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
	7/8	1a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Semipalmated Sandpiper	7/3	6	Red Lion SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/8	30a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Western Sandpiper	7/3	4	Red Lion SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/8	50a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Least Sandpiper	7/3	2	Red Lion SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/8	50a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Baird's Sandpiper	7/8	150a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Stilt Sandpiper	7/8	11a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Short-billed Dowitcher	7/20	1ac	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival
Long-billed Dowitcher	7/8	20a	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Wilson's Phalarope	7/8	1000a, 550i	Neeshah Reservoir	Kiowa	Tony Leukering
Franklin's Gull	7/20	130a	Near Barr Lake	Adams	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Forster's Tern	7/13	1a	Walden Reservoir	Jackson	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Least Tern	7/20	3a	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Eurasian Collared-Dove	7/11	2	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Black-billed Cuckoo	7/3	1c	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7/3	1a	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
Greater Roadrunner	7/10	1	Apishapa SWA	Las Animas	Tony Leukering, Louie Dombroski
Western Screech-Owl	7/26	1h	Burnt Mill Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Burrowing Owl	7/20	18a, 23i	Near Barr Lake	Adams	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
	7/25	7	112th Ave. and Tower Rd.	Adams	Joe TenBrink
	7/25	5	Southeast of Barr Lake	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Spotted Owl	7/27	1h	Wet Mountains	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, F
Boreal Owl	7/13	2h	Cameron Pass	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Northern Saw-whet Owl	7/27	2j	Wet Mountains	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Calliope Hummingbird	7/6	1am	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Joe TenBrink
	7/17	1a	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	7/19	1m	Keystone	Summit	Michael Arner
	7/22	1j	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	7/23	1a	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	7/26-29	1	Near Critchell	Jefferson	Alan Hay, Dee Hay
Lewis' Woodpecker	7/4	2	Elbert	Elbert	Joe TenBrink
	7/15	3	Upper White Ranch	Jefferson	Joe TenBrink
Three-toed Woodpecker	7/4	1f	Arapahoe National Forest	Summit	Tony Leukering
	7/5	3	Ophir Creek Rd.	Custer	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Van Truan,
	7/25	1m, 1f	On Grand Mesa	Mesa	Tony Leukering, Dave Czaplak
Black Phoebe	7/18	1a1i	Uravan	Montrose	Tony Leukering
	7/18	2a	1 mile south of Uravan	Montrose	Tony Leukering
	7/19	1	Rio Grande River at crossing of Rd. G between Antonito and Nesita	Castilla and Conejos	Hugh Kingery
	7/28	1	Las Animas River, six miles south of Durango	La Plata	Brian Sullivan
Pinyon Jay	7/7	69	Cameo	Mesa	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
Chihuahuan Raven	7/20	80	CO 96 east of Ordway	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Carolina Wren	7/7-9	1s	7160 W. 9th Pl., Lakewood	Jefferson	Van Remsen, Catherine Remsen, Elizabeth Remsen
Sage Thrasher	7/15	1	Upper White Ranch	Jefferson	Joe TenBrink
	7/24	15	Doudy Draw	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	7/25	1i	Northeast of Barr Lake	Weld	Joe TenBrink
American Pipit	7/27	1a2i	Mt. Evans	Clear Creek	Tony Leukering
Bell's Vireo	7/3	5sa	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
Gray Vireo	7/6	1a+2h	Colorado National Monument	Mesa	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
Red-eyed Vireo	7/14	1s	Bellvue	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Northern Cardinal	7/3	1m	Ovid Woods	Sedgwick	Jaymie Arnold
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	7/4	1m	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
	7/20	2am	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Joe TenBrink
Dickcissel	7/3	3sm	Intersection of Rd 93 and US 138	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/4	3	South of Kiowa	Elbert	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	7/20	6s	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Sage Sparrow	7/5	1	Eagle Airport	Eagle	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzen, Brad Murphy
	7/24	2	Glade Park	Mesa	Tony Leukering, Dave Czaplak

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Grasshopper Sparrow	7/24	1a	Doudy Draw	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Fox Sparrow	7/6	1	Echo Lake	Clear Creek	Van Remsen,
	7/13	1	Cameron Pass	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
McCown's Longspur	7/14	16	North of Briggsdale	Weld	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Chestnut-collared Longspur	7/14	2	North of Briggsdale	Weld	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Bobolink	7/14	2m	South of Castlewood Canyon	Douglas	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
E. x W. Meadowlark, poss. hybrid, singing both songs	7/14	1s	Bellvue	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Great-tailed Grackle	7/7	7	Near Burlington	Kit Carson	Lea Ann Brown
Baltimore Oriole	7/3	5	Tamarack Ranch SWA	Logan	Jaymie Arnold, Tim Mitzner, Brad Murphy
Baltimore x Bullock's Oriole	7/8	1	John Martin Reservoir	Bent	Tony Leukering
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	7/13	2	Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Pine Grosbeak	7/5	5m1f	Ophir Creek Rd.	Custer	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Van Truan,
	7/6	3	Mt. Evans BBS Route	Clear Creek	Van Remsen
Red Crossbill	7/6	48	Mt. Evans BBS Route	Clear Creek	Van Remsen
	7/13-14	1	2358 S. Fillmore St.	Denver	Bob Righter

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

Aug. 31-Sept 2, Saturday-Monday (SEC) *Southeastern Colorado*

Leader: Brandon Percival, 719-547-3722

Meet on Saturday, August 31 at 0900 at the Loaf-n-jug in Rocky Ford on US 50. Spend Saturday night at hotel in Springfield or camp in Cottonwood Canyon (primitive camping). Spend Sunday night in Springfield at hotel or camp at Two Buttes Reservoir (primitive camping). Trip will visit some of the following areas (depending on birds reported, time and weather): Rocky Ford for Eurasian Collared-Dove, Rocky Ford SWA, Lakes Henry, Meredith, Holbrook and Cheraw, La Junta Sewage Ponds, Fort Lyon area, Hasty Campground, Upper Queens and Neenoshe Reservoirs, Lamar area to Springfield or Cottonwood Canyon on Saturday. Cottonwood, Carrizo and Picture Canyons and Two Buttes Reservoir on Sunday. Two Buttes Reservoir and Lamar Community College on Monday ending around noon. Bring food for lunches and snacks and lots of water for all three days. Also

bring flashlight for owling on Saturday night, bug spray and sun screen. CALL LEADER IF GOING before August 30. We will use CB's on the trip so bring one if you have one. Also one of the participants from Denver will need to get the DFO's CB's and bring them.

September 2, Monday (WCL) *Weld County lakes and wetlands to focus on shorebirding.*

Leader: Bill Prather, 1-303-776-2191

Meet leader at 0730 at Jim Hamm Nature Center, south of CO 66 on Boulder-Weld County Line Road, west of Union Reservoir. Bring lunch.

September 7, 8, 9 Fall Bird Count

September 14, Saturday (ROX) *Roxborough State Park*

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 798-9683

Meet at 0800 at Roxborough Recreation Center. Half day trip. Lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

September 15, Sunday (EVR)

Evergreen area

Leader: Dick Williams, 674-0733

Meet at 0700 at Park-n-Ride at 4th and Union St. in Lakewood. Bring lunch.

September 21, Saturday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park and Mt. Falcon

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000

Meet leader at 0800 at Trading Post at Red Rocks Park. Bring lunch.

September 22, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947

Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake on W. 44th Ave. just east of Robb St. Lunch optional.

September 28, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli, 970-432-5200

Meet to carpool at east end of north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, or join group at 0800 at Pepper Pot Restaurant in Hudson (exit I-76, then turn right). Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson go east on CO 52 for approximately 32 miles until it turns north. Do not turn north, but continue east on Morgan County Rd. F another 14 miles to County Rd. 14. Turn left, or north, on CR 14 and go about two miles to the first white house on the left, where two boxcars are visible. Bring lunch.

September 29, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park, to include Ireland Reservoir and Lower Latham Reservoir

Leader: Sherry Chapman, 699-1351

Meet at 0730 at Visitor's Center at Barr Lake State Park. Bring lunch. State Parks Pass required.

Scheduled by Mort Staatz, 279-6169

1996 FALL BIRD COUNT

The annual Fall Bird Count will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 7 - 9. You may contact the leader or simply arrive on time at the meeting place. However, if you are planning to attend the Rocky Mountain Arsenal trip, advance registration is necessary.

September 7, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leaders: Bob Spencer 279-4682 and Mary Jane Schock 922-3144.

Meet at 0700 at Sheridan Blvd. and US 285, in the old King Soopers (now closed) parking lot behind the Conoco Station and across Sheridan from Bear Valley Shopping Center.

September 7, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Hugh Kingery 333-0161

Meet leader at Waterton Bridge at 0645.

September 7, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748

Meet at swim beach parking lot near west (Deer Creek) entrance to park. West entrance is on CO 121 (S. Wadsworth), 1/2 mile south of C470. State Parks Pass required.

September 8, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery, 333-0161

Register with leader; number of observers is limited.

September 8, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz, 680-3381

Meet at 0700 at old North Entrance to park. From CO 86, one half mile west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. and drive about two miles to entrance, or call leader for details. Optional half or full day trip. State Parks Pass required.

September 8, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035
Meet at 0630 at Park entrance station. This is a ten-mile, all day hike around the lake. State Parks Pass required.

September 8, Sunday (BLP)
Barr Lake Periphery
Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644
Meet at 0630 at Picadilly Rd. and Bromley Ln.

September 9, Monday (CCR)
Cherry Creek Reservoir
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947
Meet at 0700 at west gate to park, east of Dayton St. near Cherry Creek High School. State Parks Pass required.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has a limited amount of funding available annually to award individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for Applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by January 31. A grant application form is on page following.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and needed funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Description of project:

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

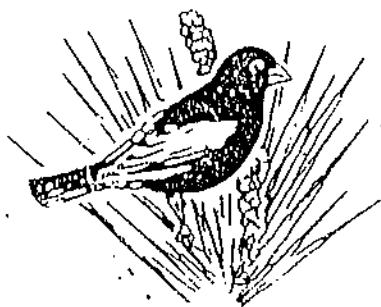
Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used:

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.
Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 2, 1996

Program: "Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge - Plans and Problems"

Speaker: Ray Rauch, Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Manager

Laurie Shannon, Outdoor Recreation Planner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY-AUGUST 1996

August 3, Saturday (GUA)

Guanella Pass to include Bailey and Georgetown

Leader: Bob Spencer

0800-1500. 30 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, cool, raining to clearing, wind northwest
0-20 mph, 60-75°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Tammy Ferreira,
Warren Finch, Vito Tursi.

28 species, 196 individuals.

August 4, Sunday (WPW)

Walden Pond Wildlife Area to include nearby Boulder reservoirs

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0720-1400. 23 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to partly cloudy, wind north 0-1 mph,
70-87°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Susan Blansett,
Don Ice, Harold John, Ruth Reeser, Warner
Reeser, Helen Standish.

42 species, 1,330 individuals.

August 9-11, Friday-Sunday (WTM)

Wet Mountains, to include Metro Lake, Lake Beckwith, Frog Pond, Rye Mountain Park, Table Mountain Rd., Old Lake Isabel Rd., Lake Isabel, Percival Cabin, St. Charles Trail, Davenport Campground, Snowslide Trail, Highway 78, Burnt Mill Rd.

Leader: Brandon Percival

33 hours birding. 183 miles by car,
8.0 miles on foot.

Clear to cloudy with rain, wind variable
0-10 mph, 35-95°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Gail Campbell,
Sherry Chapman, Mark Hullinger, Chuck
Lowrie, Jim Newell, Nina Newell, Toni Porter,
Rich Stevens, Chris Wood, Amy Young.
121 species, 1,746 individuals.

August 10, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: David Rhoades

0730-1200. Zero miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind 0-10 mph, 60-80°F.

Observers: Tammy Ferreira, Don Ice, Gene
Rutherford, Karleen Schofield.

36 species, 394 individuals.

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Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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August 11, Sunday

(GGC)

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Leader: David Laliberte

0700-1400. 50.25 miles by car, 0.3 miles on foot. Clear, wind 0-3 mph, 65-86°F.

Observers: Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Mary C. Burger, Urling Kingery, Sue Schulman, Mort Staatz.

51 species, 293 individuals.

August 17-18, Saturday-Sunday

(CLW)

Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King

August 17, 0730-1930, August 18, 0730-1330.
233 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy and overcast in the morning and clear and sunny in the afternoon, raining Sunday morning. Wind southeast 15 mph, 42-86°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Warren Finch, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens.

91 species, 2,980 individuals.

August 17, Saturday

(SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Doris Cruze

0715-1000. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. Sunny, wind south-southwest 8-12 mph, 60-75°F.

Observers: Phil Grant, Sue Grant, Gene Rutherford, Helen Standish.

39 species, 531 individuals.

August 18, Sunday

(CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Diana Mullineaux

0730-1300. 14 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot. Sunny, wind 4-7 mph, 60-89°F.

Observers: Virginia Bleck, Patty Echelmeyer, Don Ice, Judy Miller, Dave Quesenberry.

46 species, 520 individuals.

August 24, Saturday

(BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler

0630-1130. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. Clear, calm, 55-75°F.

Observer: Tim Mitzen

58 species, 965 individuals.

August 25, Sunday (PRE)

Prewitt Reservoir and Tamarack Ranch

Leader: Sherry Chapman

0800-1430. 4 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-3 mph, 70-92°F.

Observers: JoAnn Garavaglia, Tom Hablitzel, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Jim Newell, Nina Newell, Jim Norton, Ann Sprague.

44 species, 1,098 individuals.

August 31, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Leaders: Joey Kellner and Norm Erthal

0730-1630. 60 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 0-12 mph, 62-85°F.

Observers: Warren Finch, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Randy Lentz.

82 species, 3,022 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

August 6, Tuesday (CON)

Conifer, Kenosha Pass, Colorado Trail

Leader: Else Van Erp. 19 observers.

0900-1230. 30 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 0-15 mph, 70-75°F.

22 species, 100 individuals.

August 13, Tuesday (EVG)

Evergreen Lake, Mt. Evans Elk Mgmt. Wildlife Area, Groundhog Flats, Grass Creek Trail

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.

0830-1400. 16 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind southeast 0-4 mph, 65-85°F.

31 species, 147 individuals.

August 20, Tuesday (SIL)

Silverthorne-Blue River Quaking Creek Access and Blue River Campground, City of Dillon picnic area.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 13 observers.

0900-1300. 26 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot

Partly cloudy to rain, wind west 0-20 mph,

55-76°F. 20 species, 81 individuals.

August 27, Tuesday (ELR)

El Rancho to Chicago Creek Campground Rd., Hell's Hole Trail.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0830-1200. 10 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Partly cloudy to rain, wind northwest 0-8 mph, 62-60°F. 13 species, 63 individuals.

Monna Krebs, Compiler

RIGHTER-D.F.O. MARITIME TRIP

Bob Righter's trip to the Maritimes, August 23 through September 1, produced such highlight species as Manx Shearwater, Greater Shearwater, Great Cormorant, Razorbill, Black Guillemot and over 130 Atlantic Puffins. Observers were: George Armbrust, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Dave Rhoades, Tim Schowalter, Bob Wing, and Ru Wing. During the occasional slack period our traveling DFO'ers managed to pick New Brunswick clean of raspberries.

HAWK ALLEY WETLANDS KEEPERS

In 1995, Hawk Alley Wetlands Keepers, a Colorado not for profit corporation, spearheaded the campaign representing 1,400 residents and 200 business people opposing an automotive firm from developing 33.5 acres of wildlife habitat near S. Wadsworth Blvd. and W. Belleview Ave. HAWK's Board of Directors are: Kristine Dennison, Jim Gross, Karen Gross, Bill Loomis, Juanita Loomis, and Bob Stackhouse. HAWK's legal counsel presently, and prior to incorporating, is David M. Naiman. In continuing opposition efforts, HAWK again seeks DFO assistance. Place call 972-2178 if you are interested in doing a bimonthly bird count.

CORRECTIONS TO THE JULY 1996 TABLES AND REPORTS

The Winter Wren reported on the July 27 DFO Field Trip to Pawnee National Grassland should have been listed as a House Wren. The three Eastern Phoebe's listed on the same field trip should be removed.

SPECIES	3	4	9-11	10	11	17-18	17	18	24	25	31	6	13	20	27
	GUA	WPW	WTM	WRG	GGC	CLW	SPP	CHA	BAR	PRE	NEC	CON	EVG	SIL	ELR
Pied-billed Grebe		8				56		3		2					
Eared Grebe						3	2				4				
Western Grebe						11		1			11				
American White Pelican						35			42	75	135			2	
Brown Pelican										1	1				
Double-crested Cormorant		5		10	4	52	45	17	9	2	14				
American Bittern		1h				2									
Great Blue Heron		12	3		1	10	3		11	14	39				
Snowy Egret								5	5						
Black-crowned Night-Heron		3		3	1	1	1		3						
White-faced Ibis						15					1				
Canada Goose		360	2	51	71	13		66	170						
Wood Duck		2a4i	1					2			6m1f				
Green-winged Teal									20						
Mallard		71a 13i	4	81	13	85	40	13	150	2	5	3	25		
Northern Pintail									2						
Blue-winged Teal											60				
Cinnamon Teal												3a, 23i			
Northern Shoveler									30		6				
Gadwall						2	6								
American Wigeon									4						
Redhead			3	1											
Lesser Scaup												2			
Common Merganser							10	9							
Ruddy Duck						22					6				
Turkey Vulture		4	18	3		3		12					1		
Osprey						1									
Bald Eagle						1			1i						
Northern Harrier						7				1	2f			1	
Cooper's Hawk								1							
Northern Goshawk			1												
Accipiter species			2												
Swainson's Hawk		1	4		1	5		2	4		11				
Red-tailed Hawk		4		2	1	5	1			3		3	1	3	1
Western races			12								4				
Ferruginous Hawk											1	1			
Golden Eagle			1										2a2i		
American Kestrel			4		1	14		1	3		9	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant						1					5				
Blue Grouse			1												
Wild Turkey			7												
Northern Bobwhite										14					
Scaled Quail			2												
Virginia Rail												2			
American Coot		1				104					5	4a8i			
Black-bellied Plover									1		1				
Semipalmated Plover									1						
Piping Plover										1					
Killdeer		39	12	4		95	5	11	90	37	52				
American Avocet						137			3		2				
Greater Yellowlegs						4				1					
Lesser Yellowlegs						8			4	3					
Solitary Sandpiper						3			1	4					
Willet						2									
Spotted Sandpiper		2	6	4				5	9		8				

SPECIES	3	4	9-11	10	11	17-18	17	18	24	25	31	6	13	20	27
	GUA	WPW	WTM	WRG	GGC	CLW	SPP	CHA	BAR	PRE	NEC	CON	EVG	SIL	ELR
Upland Sandpiper						12									
Marbled Godwit									2	7					
Semipalmated Sandpiper						1			1						
Western Sandpiper						19					1a				
Least Sandpiper						5		2	10	30					
White-rumped Sandpiper						23									
Baird's Sandpiper						4			40	30	47				
Stilt Sandpiper						2		1			15a, 1j				
Long-billed Dowitcher						10									
Common Snipe		1													
Wilson's Phalarope						47									
Calidris species								5							
Franklin's Gull										300	930				
Ring-billed Gull		29	7	11	1	1	2	95	6		245				
California Gull		4				10		24	2	52	1a, 1fw				
Gull species													1		
Common Tern									1						
Forster's Tern						8				6	6				
Black Tern						17				6	5				
Rock Dove	3	4	3	4	4	12	12	4	2		7				
Band-tailed Pigeon			18												
Mourning Dove	1	53	78	17	4	210	2	16	78	24	67		3		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			2							5	1				
Greater Roadrunner			1												
Flammulated Owl			1+1h												
Great Horned Owl			7h						1		2				
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1+5h												
Owl species (small)			1												
Common Nighthawk			12			16				1	2				
Chimney Swift						3									
Black-chinned Hummingbird			1m2f												
Calliope Hummingbird			1f												
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	14		58		23			9				2	3	1	5
Rufous Hummingbird	1		13		2										
Belted Kingfisher		2	3	5	1h	1	7	4		2	1		1	1	
Lewis' Woodpecker			7												
Red-headed Woodpecker						8				1	6				
Red-naped Sapsucker													1		
Williamson's Sapsucker			3												
Ladder-backed Woodpecker			1												
Downy Woodpecker			5	2	1	3	1	1		1					
"Batchelder's" race	2														
Eastern races									2		1				
Hairy Woodpecker			3		2										
Eastern race											1				
Northern Flicker															
"Yellow-shafted" race						11				2	13				
"Red-shafted" race	5	4	12	11	2	5	6		6	3	4				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2		2			1									
Western Wood-Pewee			33	1	1			5	7	6	3				
Willow Flycatcher										1h					
Willow/Alder Flycatcher											1				
Least Flycatcher											2				
Dusky Flycatcher													1		
Cordilleran Flycatcher	3		4						1						
Empidonax species					1	2			3		2				
Eastern Phoebe			2			1									
Say's Phoebe			1		2										

SPECIES	3 GUA	4 WPW	9-11 WTM	10 WRG	11 GGC	17-18 CLW	17 SPP	18 CHA	24 BAR	25 PRE	31 NEC	6 CON	13 EVG	20 SIL	27 ELR
Cassin's Kingbird			19												
Western Kingbird		1	22			22			8	13	13				
Eastern Kingbird		4a1i	4			63		3	3	15	27				
Horned Lark			2			14									
Tree Swallow	1		1		20	31	4							2	
Violet-green Swallow	6		115	2	15				4					3	
No. Rough-winged Swallow		1	6	2		15									
Bank Swallow			1	14							1				
Cliff Swallow		170	25	11		1	2								
Barn Swallow	1	4	17	14	4	100	6	8	35		85				
Gray Jay			1											1	
Steller's Jay	10		30		11							1	4	4	15
Blue Jay		1		2		2				4	39				
Western Scrub-Jay			22												
Clark's Nutcracker			14									5			
Black-billed Magpie	4	7	28	8	14		10	1	9		14		10	2	1
American Crow	12	4	4		1			5				2	31	11	3
Chihuahuan Raven			7												
Common Raven	14		6		1h	1	8						3	3	
Black-capped Chickadee		3	19	3	2	3	15	8	8	3	6	4	3	8	
Mountain Chickadee	9		60		7							12	13	10	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2h		12			1			1			3	5		
White-breasted Nuthatch			11					1			1				
Pygmy Nuthatch	6		15		2h		1						2		
Brown Creeper			12									4	3		
Rock Wren			4												
House Wren			42		3	4	3	7	6	7	27		1		
American Dipper			1										1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4		3												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1									5	2		6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher								2							
Eastern Bluebird						1									
Western Bluebird			2												
Mountain Bluebird			39		4										
Townsend's Solitaire	1		2		2								2		
Swainson's Thrush											1				
Hermit Thrush	1		1												
Thrush species												1			
American Robin	15	7	63	14	12	85	12	30	4	2	35		3	12	1
Gray Catbird			2								1				
Northern Mockingbird			4												
Sage Thrasher			6												
Brown Thrasher						3				1	8				
Cedar Waxwing			7			25		1			8				
Loggerhead Shrike			2			5					1				
European Starling		62	96	9		20	150	29	56	2	620				
Bell's Vireo															
Solitary Vireo					1h										
"Plumbeous" race			1												
Warbling Vireo			3		4						2		1	4	
Red-eyed Vireo									1		1				
Orange-crowned Warbler			2								1				
Virginia's Warbler			5		1										
Yellow Warbler		1h	21	4		8	4	6	23	7	24			1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler												2	1		
"Audubon's" race	1		12		2							1			
Townsend's Warbler											2				
American Redstart							2		1						

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	GUA	WPW	WTM	WRG	GGC	CLW	SPP	CHA	BAR	PRE	NEC	CON	EVG	SIL	ELR
Ovenbird									1						
MacGillivray's Warbler			2		2		-				1		1		
Common Yellowthroat		2h	2	1			1				1				
Wilson's Warbler											22				
Yellow-breasted Chat			2								1				
Western Tanager			10		1										
Northern Cardinal						2									
Black-headed Grosbeak			16		2						1m				
Blue Grosbeak			18			1									
Lazuli Bunting			2												
Dickcissel						4									
Green-tailed Towhee			3		3									1	1
Spotted Towhee			24				3	3							
Canyon Towhee			13												
Chipping Sparrow	30		28		10			13	40		18				
Field Sparrow						1									
Vesper Sparrow			4			4									
Lark Sparrow			19		1h	3		6	6		17		2		
Lark Bunting			10			34					75				
Savannah Sparrow			1												
Grasshopper Sparrow						13									
Song Sparrow		6	5	2	1	1	15		2	1			2	2	
Lincoln's Sparrow							5								
White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race	15						1								
Dark-eyed Junco "Gray-headed" race	5		63		2							4	1		7
Sparrow species													1		
Bobolink						9									
Red-winged Blackbird		260	4	4		520	50			1	15	1			
Western Meadowlark		3	18			175	4	2	3		12				
Yellow-headed Blackbird		35				536			20	400	17				
Brewer's Blackbird			25	1	1		2	8							
Common Grackle		45	118	10		6	25	3			150			8	
Brown-headed Cowbird			2	1		23									
Orchard Oriole											1f				
Bullock's Oriole			5			3		9	1		2				
Pine Grosbeak			3												
Cassin's Finch			1												
House Finch		41	15	63	15	8	30	40	1		3				
Red Crossbill			23									3	9		12
Pine Siskin	20		48		3h								6		3
Lesser Goldfinch "Green-backed" race			51		9	9		13							
American Goldfinch		28	1	4		64	15	6	4	5	6				
Evening Grosbeak			2		1										
House Sparrow	8	17	65	15		40	10		3		10				2
TOTAL SPECIES	28	42	121	36	51	91	39	46	58	44	82	22	31	20	13
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	196	1330	1746	394	293	2980	531	520	965	1098	3022	100	147	81	63

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - AUGUST 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Brown Pelican	8/21	1im	Prewitt Reservoir	Washington	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Great Egret	8/18	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/28	1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Karen Metz
Cattle Egret	8/25	98	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Green Heron	8/4	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Hooded Merganser	8/21	3im	Jumbo Reservoir	Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood, Tim Mitzen
Osprey	8/13	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/29	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
Mississippi Kite	8/20	6	330 Lake Ave., Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Merlin	8/25	1	Road 28, north of LaJunta	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Peregrine Falcon	8/7	1im Anatum	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	8/9	1	Prospect Reservoir	Weld	Bob Righter
	8/25	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	8/28	1	CO 83 and Arapahoe Rd.	Arapahoe	Karen Metz
Blue Grouse	8/29	4	Cordova Pass	Huerfano	Jean Maguire
Black Rail	8/15	1m, 1f calling	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
	8/25	2h	Bent's Fort Marsh	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Black-bellied Plover	8/25	4br	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Snowy Plover	8/25	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Mountain Plover	8/4	2	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-necked Stilt	8/8	2	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Karen Metz
American Avocet	8/15	500	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Chris Wood
Upland Sandpiper	8/8	1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Karen Metz
Long-billed Curlew	8/25	6	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Sanderling	8/18	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/25	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Semipalmated Sandpiper	8/25	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Baird's Sandpiper	8/7	1000	Upper Queen's Reservoir	Kiowa	Chris Wood
Pectoral Sandpiper	8/25	1	Rd. JJ, east of Fort Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	8/21	1im	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Short-billed Dowitcher	8/7	1j	Neeskah Reservoir	Kiowa	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Wilson's Phalarope	8/7	4000	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Chris Wood
Red-necked Phalarope	8/25	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Bonaparte's Gull	8/7	1a	Union Reservoir	Weld	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Caspian Tern	8/7	1a	Union Reservoir	Weld	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Common Tern	8/4	1a	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/4	1a	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/15	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Chris Wood
	8/25	2a	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	8/25	1a	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos

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Least Tern	8/25	1a2i	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Black Tern	8/28	50	Prospect Reservoir	Weld	Joe TenBrink, Karen Metz
White-winged Dove	8/9	2	0.5 miles east of County Rd. 43 on County Rd. 30	Weld	Ric Olson
	8/24	2	South shore Milton Reservoir	Weld	Rick Olson, Earl Tatman
Eurasian Collared-Dove	8/4	8	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/15	9	Rocky Ford	Otero	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	8/2	1	Burnt Mill Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/16-20	1	Valco Pond SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Greater Roadrunner	8/3	1	Burnt Mill Rd.	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Barn Owl	8/17	1a1j	Erie	Weld	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	8/25	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival
	8/25	2	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	8/25	2	Neenoshe Reservoir locust grove	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Common Poorwill	8/2	1	Lee Hill Rd.	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/16-20	1f	Valco Pond SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Calliope Hummingbird	8/2	1f	Percival's Cabin	Custer	Brandon Percival
	8/3	1a	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	8/7-8	1f	Pebble Creek Ranch north of Silverthorne	Summit	Tony Leukering, Bonnie Stout
	8/11	1j	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	8/14	1i	4100 Rd. 60, 3 miles west of Grant	Park	Brandon Percival
	8/13-31	1m,2f	Near Franktown	Elbert	Karen Metz
	8/23	1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
	8/6-24	1-2f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	8/7-9	1am	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	8/25-28	1im	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Acorn Woodpecker	8/26	1	Spanish Peaks SWA	Huerfano	Jean Maguire
Red-headed Woodpecker	8/16	1a	Valco Pond SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Olive-sided Flycatcher	8/23	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Alder Flycatcher	8/22	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/23	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/24	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/26	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Willow/Alder Flycatcher	8/27	3b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Willow Flycatcher	8/20	1	Valco Pond SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/22	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/23	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Least Flycatcher	8/20	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/22	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/31	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Dusky Flycatcher	8/20	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/23	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/25	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/26	1	835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/28	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/31	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Cordilleran Flycatcher	8/22	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/26	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Cassin's Kingbird	8/16-24	2	Valco Pond SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Pinyon Jay	8/20	16	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

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Chihuahuan Raven	8/25	2	CO 96 east of Ordway	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Red-breasted Nuthatch	8/21-31	4b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Swainson's Thrush	8/31	2b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Sage Thrasher	8/14	50	Boulder Valley Ranch	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	8/18	1	Horse Creek Reservoir	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Curve-billed Thrasher	8/1-29	2	Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Bell's Vireo	8/21	3,1s	Bridge over S. Platte River at Ovid	Sedgwick	Joey Kellner, Chris Wood, Tim Mitzen
Red-eyed Vireo	8/22	2ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/24	2ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Orange-crowned Warbler	8/24	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Townsend's Warbler	8/16	1f	South shore Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
	8/18	1	Michigan Creek	Park	Chris Wood
	8/30	1m,5f	Southwest shore Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
	8/30-31	1im	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble
Black-and-white Warbler	8/25	1f	Lamar Community College	Prowers	Brandon Percival
Ovenbird	8/24	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Northern Waterthrush	8/18	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/19	1	Veteran's Park, Brighton	Adams	Tony Leukering
MacGillivray's Warbler	8/22	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/23	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/31	2ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Yellow-breasted Chat	8/21	1ffb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
♦Pyrrhuloxia	8/12-31	1m	4100 Rd. 60, 3 miles west of Grant	Park	Many Observers
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	8/25	1i	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Indigo Bunting	8/20	1m	Valco Pond SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Green-tailed Towhee	8/30	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble
Clay-colored Sparrow	8/22	2ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/24	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Brewer's Sparrow	8/24	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/25	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Lincoln's Sparrow	8/24	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Orchard Oriole	8/18	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/22	1ffb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Bullock's Oriole	8/22	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	8/24	1i	Brighton	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings, Nelda Gamble
Red Crossbill	8/8	1	835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/11-17	9-15j	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	8/18-29	20	Near Franktown	Elbert	Karen Metz

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

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UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

October 5, Saturday (NEC) *Northeast Colorado*

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748
Meet leader at 0530 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Bring lunch.

October 6, Sunday (BOU) *Ponds in Boulder area*

Leader: Bob Jickling, 499-4977
Meet leader at 0830 on north side of U.S. Department of Commerce Boulder Laboratories. From U.S. 36 take Baseline exit and turn left at next light, cross street at next light onto lab grounds. Half day trip.

October 12, Saturday (PRP) *Parker Regional Park and Castlewood Canyon*

Leader: Sue Schulman, 773-3540
Meet leader at 0800 at Parker Regional Park. Turn right into park from Parker Rd., 1.3 miles south of Main St. in Parker. Bring lunch and water.

October 13, Sunday (PLR) *Platte River and Adams County*

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504
Meet at 0800 at the northeast corner of the Denver Museum of Natural History parking lot. Bring lunch.

October 19-20, Saturday-Sunday (MVW) *Monte Vista NWR for cranes*

Leaders: Myron Plooster and Suzi Plooster, 494-6708
Meet to carpool at 0700 at RTD Park-n-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth just south of U.S. 285 (Hampden Ave.) Must register with leader in advance. Saturday, crane tour, spend night in Monte Vista at Monte Villa Inn, 800-527-5168, Movie Manor 800-528-1234, El Campo 719-852-5952, or Rio Grande 800-998-7129. Sunday, Home Lake, Alamosa NWR, Smith Reservoir SWA, Lathrop State Park. Bring lunch for two days. State Parks Pass required.

October 19, Saturday (CHA) *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Lea Ann Brown, 791-6204
Meet leader at 0800 inside the west entrance to the park. State Parks Pass required. Lunch optional.

October 20, Sunday (BAR) *Barr Lake State Park*

Leader: Tim Mitzen, 451-7479
Meet leader at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. State Parks Pass required. Half day trip.

October 26, Saturday (RMA) *Rocky Mountain Arsenal*

Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194
Register with leader as number of observers is limited. Bring lunch. This trip is good for novice birders and new members.

October 27, Sunday (MWP) *Matthews/Winters Park to Lair O' the Bear Park*

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661
Meet leader at 0800 in the parking lot of Matthews/Winters Park. From I-70 westbound, take Morrison exit (CO 26) south about 1/4 mile and turn right to the parking lot. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Pearl Jordan, 987-2802

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

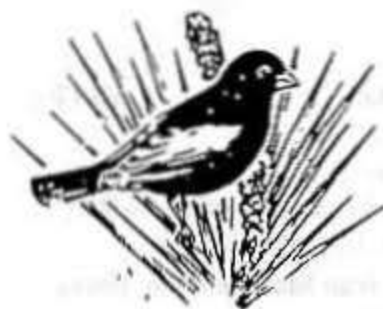
The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 6, 1996

Program: "Birders and the Colorado Division of Wildlife - A Natural Coalition"

Speaker: Bob Hernbrode, Watchable Wildlife Specialist, Colorado Division of Wildlife

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 1996

Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Friday-Monday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado to include Rocky Ford, Rocky Ford SWA, Lake Holbrook, Bent's Fort Marsh, Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, groves east of Fort Lyon at Rds. JJ and 16 and on Rd. JJ east of 17.5 Rd., Lakes Cheraw, Meredith, and Henry, Hasty Campground, Upper Queens Reservoir to Springfield and to Cottonwood, Carrizo, and Picture Canyons, Rd. M to Kansas line, CO 116 from Kansas line to Two Buttes, Two Buttes Reservoir, Lamar Community College, and Neenoshe Reservoir

Leader: Brandon Percival

54 hours birding. 600 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Clear to cloudy and some fog each morning, wind variable 0-10 mph, 50-95°F.

Observers: Richard Bunn, Gail Campbell, Carolyn Cooley, Gail Evans, Dieter Kamm, Chuck Lowrie, Richard Mendez, Bill Miller, Judy Miller, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Jim Newell, Nina Newell, Christie Owens, David Quesenberry, Bob Spencer, Helen Standish, Dick Williams. 160 species, 5,511 individuals.

September 2, Monday (WCL)

Weld County lakes, to include Union, Lower Latham and Jackson Reservoirs

Leader: Bill Prather and Inez Prather

0730-1630. 150 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-2 mph, 60-80°F.

Observers: Don Beltz, Mary Burger, Dave Compton, Marleen Eggerling, Greg Goodrich, Ellie Jones, Tina Jones, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Dick Pratt, Joe Roller, Buzz Schonker, Sue Schulman, Joe TenBrink.

73 species, 4,818 individuals.

September 14, Saturday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes

0800-1230. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

High overcast, calm, 50-65°F.

Observers: Elna Cain, Warren Finch, Gregg Goodrich, Ron Huston, Bill Kossack, Larry Modesitt, Gene Rutherford, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters.

33 species, 343 individuals.

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September 15, Sunday

(EVR)

Evergreen area

Leader: Dick Williams

0720-1500. 55 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind 5-10 mph, 35-55°F.

Observers: Don Ice, Jean McClenathen, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux.

45 species, 472 individuals.

September 21, Saturday

(RRP)

Red Rocks Park and Mt. Falcon

Leader: Lynn Willcockson

0800-1500. 10 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph, 45-65°F.

Observers: Bobbi Ausfahl, Don Ice, Marilyn Jarapko, Urling Kingery, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Mary Anne Owen, Barbara Smith, Chuck Walters, Liz Willcockson, Amy Young.

44 species, 186 individuals.

September 22, Sunday

(WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

0800-1300. 0.25 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, calm, 50-70°F.

Observers: Ken Albin, Bill Biggs, Tamie Bulow, Dennis Downing, Urling Kingery, Liz Kreider, Linda Metcalf, Diana Mullineaux, Myron Plooster, Mary Anne Owen, Mort Staatz.

43 species, 663 individuals.

September 28, Saturday

(RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli

Report not available.

September 29, Sunday

(BAR)

Barr Lake State Park to include Ireland and Lower Latham Reservoirs

Leader: Sherry Chapman

Seven hours of birding. 48 miles by car,

5.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 50-80°F.

Observers: Jeff Buecking, Don Ice, Jim Norton, Eleanor White, Megan Wooten.

63 species, 1,973 individuals.

1996 FALL BIRD COUNT

September 7, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek to include Marston and Bear Creek Lake Park

Leaders: Bob Spencer and Mary Jane Schock
0730-1530. 20 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Mostly clear, wind west 0-5 mph, 60-85°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Kristine Dennison, Patty Echelmeyer, Jim Gross, Karen Gross, David Quesenberry, Mort Staatz, Peggy Gonder. 73 species, 3,541 individuals.

September 7, Saturday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Hugh Kingery

0645-1700. 10 miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-10 mph, 45-75°F.

Observers: Bev DuGay, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Urling Kingery, Dick Pratt, Scott Yarberry. 86 species, 2,353 individuals.

September 7, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner

0630-1730. 34 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, wind north 0-10 mph, 50-77°F.

Observers: Glenn Hageman, Ed Holub, Peter Lowen, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Sig Nelson, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller, Steve Stachowiak. 93 species, 1,365 individuals.

September 8, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery

0630-1500. 30 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-10 mph, 45-75°F.

Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Hugh Kingery, Jim Perry.

78 species, 1,838 individuals.

September 8, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz

0600-1500. 14 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind southwest 0-5 mph, 45-75°F.

Observer: Bev DuGay.

50 species, 489 individuals.

September 8, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler

0630-1430. Zero miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind north 0-10 mph, 50-85°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Warren Finch, Myriam Friggens, Don Ice, Tony Leukering, Tim Mitzen, Dick Pratt, Bob Richter.

73 species, 1,810 individuals.

September 8, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King

0630-1430. 91 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Slightly overcast early, clear by late morning, calm, 58-86°F.

Observers: Virginia Bleck, David Laliberte.

61 species, 1,470 individuals.

September 9, Monday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

6.5 hours of birding. 7 miles by car,

2.5 miles on foot. Partly cloudy, calm, 55-85°F.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Lori Chappell, David Christian, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Don Ice, Liz Kreider, Sig Nelson, Jim Perry, Bob Richter, Warren Roske, Joe TenBrink, Ellie Walker.

80 species, 1,195 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

September 3, Tuesday (WRP)

Upper White Ranch Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0830-1230. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 0-7 mph, 70-80°F.

26 species, 88 individuals.

September 10, Tuesday (KPI)

Kenosha Pass to include Boreas Pass,

Breckenridge and Hoosier Pass

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.

0900-1500. 140 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind west 5-15 mph, 54-60°F.

35 species, 252 individuals.

September 17, Tuesday (KP2)

Kenosha Pass to Colorado Trail east side

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0900-1400. 25 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear to 90 percent cloudy, wind northeast 1-5

mph, 36-55°F. 21 species, 144 individuals.

September 24, Tuesday (GUA)

Guanella Pass to include El Rancho,

Georgetown, Burning Bear Campground, Grant and Bailey

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers.

0900-1500. 80 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind south 10 mph, 46-65°F.

27 species, 112 individuals.

Monna Krebs, Compiler

19TH ANNUAL T.E.N.A.S ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Marilyn Rhoades, President of The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society (T.E.N.A.S.) has announced this year's annual art and photography show will be November 2 - 16 in the lobby of the Colorado National Bank Evergreen, host to the show.

This is the 19th consecutive year for this juried show, considered by many front range artists and photographers to be unique.

The Colorado National Bank is located at 2922 Evergreen Parkway in Evergreen. The hours of the show are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon. The show will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day.

SEASONAL WATER BIRDS CLASS

Tina Jones and the Denver Audubon Society announce a December class entitled "Seasonal water birds, plus assorted loons, grebes, scoters, mergansers and waterfowl".

Early December is a prime time to see waterbirds. At this time of year one may sight unusual waterbirds such as, swans, scoters, loons, Oldsquaw and Snow Geese. Tina Jones, a well known and respected field trip leader for the Denver Museum of Natural History, will be the instructor.

The classroom session will emphasize winter identification of Snow and Ross' Geese, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Common, Pacific and Red-throated Loons and Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes. Field trips to Denver area lakes and river corridors will include identification and natural history of water birds, particularly waterfowl.

A possible side trip may be scheduled to Rawhide Energy Station, Hamilton Reservoir, where Dr. Ronald Ryder, Professor Emeritus, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, C.S.U., may discuss his ongoing research involving waterfowl of this general area.

Non-water birds will be identified also. Students will learn identification skills that are not included in basic field guides. Field trips will last until early afternoon.

In-class session: Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m., please call Denver Audubon Society for class location.

Field Trips: Sunday, December 8, 8:30 a.m.,

Saturday, December 14, 8:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: Audubon Members \$40, non-members \$50.

For more information on class curriculum contact Tina at 794-2647. To register for class, call the Denver Audubon Society at 696-0877.

SPECIES	8/30	2	14	15	21	22	29
	SEC	WCL	ROX	EVR	RRP	WRG	BAR
Willow Flycatcher	2						
Least Flycatcher	1	1					
Hammond's Flycatcher	1						
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1						
Empidonax species	3				2		
Eastern Phoebe	9						
Say's Phoebe	3		3		1		
Great Crested Flycatcher	2						
Cassin's Kingbird	5						
Western Kingbird	36	20		2			
Eastern Kingbird	60	10					
Horned Lark	60						
Tree Swallow		3					
No. Rough-winged Swallow	2	2					
Bank Swallow							1
Cliff Swallow							
Barn Swallow	530	95		28		5	76
Gray Jay							
Steller's Jay			4	25	3		
Blue Jay	17				1	8	6
Western Scrub-Jay	12		30		7		
Pinyon Jay	41		75				
Clark's Nutcracker				3			
Black-billed Magpie	20		20	13	21	22	16
American Crow	1		12	5	3	5	
Chihuahuan Raven	8						
Common Raven	4		1	8	2		
Black-capped Chickadee	20		15		3	12	6
Mountain Chickadee			2	61	4		
Plain Titmouse	1						
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6		1	4	1		2
White-breasted Nuthatch				2			
Pygmy Nuthatch				7	4		
Brown Creeper				2			
Rock Wren	9		4		2		2
Canyon Wren	4		3		3		
Bewick's Wren	11						
House Wren	26	1					2
Marsh Wren		1					
American Dipper				1			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		11		2		
Eastern Bluebird	2						
Western Bluebird				21	9		
Mountain Bluebird				11	21		
Townsend's Solitaire			1		3		1
Swainson's Thrush	1						
Hermit Thrush							
American Robin	50	2	55	2	8	44	2
Gray Catbird		1			1	1	
Northern Mockingbird	3						
Sage Thrasher	1		2				
Brown Thrasher	75						
American Pipit							
Cedar Waxwing	30		2				
Loggerhead Shrike	10	1					
European Starling	105	85	1		3	50	40

3	10	17	24
WRP	KP1	KP2	GUA
2			
			1
			6
	1		5
	9	2	5
7	8	1	8
			1
2			1
	6	6	1
1	2	6	10
	8	1	3
2		6	1
7	5	7	18
	4	1	
1			
3	2	2	
1			
2			
	2		4
15			
5	5		4
			1
	1		
4	3	12	
	1		
			6
	26		

	8/30	2	14	15	21	22	29
SPECIES	SEC	WCL	ROX	EVR	RRP	WRG	BAR
Solitary Vireo				1		3	
"Plumbeous" race							
"Cassin's" race	1						
Warbling Vireo	6					1	
Red-eyed Vireo	1						
Orange-crowned Warbler						5	6
Northern Parula					1		
Yellow Warbler	30	2					
Yellow-rumped Warbler					2		
"Audubon's" race				7		22	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1m						
Townsend's Warbler	1m			1		1	
Black-and-white Warbler	1f						
MacGillivray's Warbler	2		1				
Common Yellowthroat	8	1					
Wilson's Warbler	23	2	5	3	1	13	5
Yellow-breasted Chat	2						
Western Tanager	9		3		1		
Black-headed Grosbeak	3						
Blue Grosbeak	27						1
Lazuli Bunting	2						
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1	3		2		1
Spotted Towhee		1	25		6		
Canyon Towhee	15						
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	15						
Chipping Sparrow	300	6		54	8	3	15
Clay-colored Sparrow	4			1		2	
Brewer's Sparrow	1	2				2	
Field Sparrow							
Vesper Sparrow	1	10		3			
Lark Sparrow	18	15					
Lark Bunting	165	1					
Savannah Sparrow	2	3					
Grasshopper Sparrow	1						
Song Sparrow		1		1		4	8
Lincoln's Sparrow		1		1			1
White-crowned Sparrow			1	4	3		11
Dark-eyed Junco				16	3		2
"Oregon" race							2
"Pink-sided" race							
Red-winged Blackbird	400	100				15	12
Western Meadowlark	80	20					6
Yellow-headed Blackbird	100	30					250
Brewer's Blackbird	2					10	250
Great-tailed Grackle	9						
Common Grackle	70	2				50	30
Brown-headed Cowbird		100					
Pine Grosbeak							
Cassin's Finch				13	1		
House Finch	55	5	3	2	3	15	
Red Crossbill	2			27			
Pine Siskin				87			40
Lesser Goldfinch	20						
American Goldfinch	75	4	2		1	20	2
Evening Grosbeak				3			
House Sparrow	90	60		2		30	2
TOTAL SPECIES	160	73	33	45	44	43	63
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	5511	4818	343	472	186	663	1973

3	10	17	24
WRP	KP1	KP2	GUA
	1		
3	15 35	54	1
	1		1
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2			
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	12		
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3			
			10
26	35	21	27
88	252	144	112

Fall Count, 1 of 2 SPECIES	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	9
	LBC	WTR	CHA	RMA	CAC	BAR	BLP	CCR
Common Loon	1							
Pied-billed Grebe	6	21	3	31		2		3
Horned Grebe	2							1
Eared Grebe	3							1
Western Grebe	1							1
American White Pelican	32		2	10		55	2	35
Double-crested Cormorant	94	12	53	2		48	10	60
American Bittern								1
Great Blue Heron	9	16	4	10		14	7	6
Snowy Egret						3	2	
Cattle Egret							1	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2			1		1	3	1
White-faced Ibis						1	3	1
Canada Goose	19	228	280	257		500	14	55
Wood Duck		6	6					
Green-winged Teal		10	6	9			16	3
Mallard	79	154	19	52		300	13	55
Northern Pintail				8				
Blue-winged Teal			1				12	
Cinnamon Teal		1		2				
"Blue-winged" teal sp.		14		24				
Northern Shoveler		2	2	2				3
Gadwall	20	2	9	1				
American Wigeon	1	120	1	110			2	
Redhead	75			6				
Common Merganser		2	5i					
Ruddy Duck		2				28		1
Duck species				150				
Turkey Vulture	9		2	1	55	2		1
Osprey			1					1
Northern Harrier	2			3		1	1	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk		2	1					1
Cooper's Hawk		3	1i					
Accipiter species					1			
Swainson's Hawk	7		2	6	3	2	12	3
Red-tailed Hawk		4	2	22			2	2
Western races	9				4			
Ferruginous Hawk				1				1
American Kestrel	8	12	3	8	1	2	5	1
Merlin	1							1
Prairie Falcon		1			1			
Ring-necked Pheasant			1h					
Virginia Rail		3	10					3
Sora			1h					2

SPECIES	LBC	WTR	CHA	RMA	CAC	BAR	BLP	CCR
American Coot	212	1		24		17		27
Semipalmated Plover			1j					
Killdeer	32	14	3	11		8	12	35
American Avocet				2			4	
Greater Yellowlegs				1			1	1
Lesser Yellowlegs				4			16	2
Solitary Sandpiper		2					2	2
Willet				1				
Spotted Sandpiper	2	2	3					3
Long-billed Curlew								1
Marbled Godwit			1					
Least Sandpiper			2a					1
Baird's Sandpiper			7			86		
Long-billed Dowitcher				1				2
Common Snipe						1		
"Peep" species		5						
Franklin's Gull	10					65		
Ring-billed Gull	256	76	33			21	6	200
California Gull	55	11	36			1	4	25
Great Black-backed Gull								1
Gull species						200		
Forster's Tern							4	
Black Tern	8							
Tern species								1
Rock Dove	67	22	37	8	2		35	4
Mourning Dove	21	88	14	118	14	60	40	20
Barn Owl				1				
Eastern Screech-Owl		1						
Great Horned Owl	2	1	3	3	2	3	1	
Burrowing Owl				6			1	
Common Nighthawk						1		
Common Poorwill					3h			
Chimney Swift						2		
White-throated Swift		5	80					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		4	6f		2			
Belted Kingfisher	8	4	5	3		1	3	1
Lewis' Woodpecker					1			
Downy Woodpecker		3	3	4		3		2
"Batchelder's" race	8							
Eastern races					1		1	
Hairy Woodpecker					2			
Northern Flicker				5				4
"Red-shafted" race	90	22	12		8	7	2	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	2		1					
Western Wood-Pewee	19	33	24	4	2	6	1	2

SPECIES	LBC	WTR	CHA	RMA	CAC	BAR	BLP	CCR
Gray Flycatcher		1						
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1					1		
Empidonax species		4	3	2	2	1		1
Say's Phoebe		13	1	2	1	1		
Great-crested Flycatcher								1
Western Kingbird	10	44	15	26		2	6	4
Eastern Kingbird				4				1
Horned Lark		40	6	5			28	2
Violet-green Swallow	5	264	1					
Bank Swallow	10							
Cliff Swallow	1						3	
Barn Swallow	85	103	120	61		50	80	100
Stellar's Jay					6			
Blue Jay	27			3			1	3
Scrub Jay		3			27			
Pinyon Jay						6		
Clark's Nutcracker					2			
Black-billed Magpie	207	28	34	79	13	17	38	35
American Crow	36	70	7	3	4		3	1
Common Raven		2	2		2			
Black-capped Chickadee	71	64	40	8	20	7		10
Mountain Chickadee					3			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	14	1			1	3		1
White-breasted Nuthatch			2		8	1		
Rock Wren	5	3	4	11	4	19	9	2
House Wren	8	26	18	12	6	8	2	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2	1	2	4	1		
Western Bluebird					25			
Mountain Bluebird					38			
Townsend's Solitaire					2	1		
Veery						1		
Swainson's Thrush						2		
Hermit Thrush				1				
American Robin	235	316	90	6	34	21	6	8
Gray Catbird			9			2		2
Northern Mockingbird			1	1				1
Sage Thrasher			26	62		3	10	12
Cedar Waxwing		8	11			1		
Loggerhead Shrike		1	1	7			2	
European Starling	505	35	50	329	2	75	350	100
Solitary Vireo					3	1		3
"Plumbeous" race			3					
"Cassin's" race			1			1		
Warbling Vireo		3	8		2			

SPECIES	LBC	WTR	CHA	RMA	CAC	BAR	BLP	CCR
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	1				2		3
Virginia's Warbler			1	1		2		
Northern Parula		2						
Yellow Warbler	10	3	3	2		1	1	4
Yellow-rumped Warbler			1			1		
Townsend's Warbler	3					4		
American Redstart			2m					
Ovenbird	1							
MacGillivray's Warbler		8	2					
Common Yellowthroat		7	2f	3		3	12	7
Wilson's Warbler	7	13	6	5	1	26	4	7
Yellow-breasted Chat		3						1
Western Tanager	2	1	5					
Black-headed Grosbeak		1	1m					
Blue Grosbeak				2				
Lazuli Bunting		2	4		6			
Green-tailed Towhee	5	12	5		2	2	1	1
Spotted Towhee	13	15	6		10			
Chipping Sparrow	44	7	12	26	20	28	50	10
Clay-colored Sparrow			2f	2				
Brewer's Sparrow	2	1	4			2		2
Field Sparrow				1				
"Spizella" species				10				
Vesper Sparrow	72	72	4	217	65	5	110	10
Lark Sparrow	7	8	14	17	1	7	25	5
Lark Bunting		1		7			80	
Savannah Sparrow		5	1	4				
Song Sparrow	1	16	6	5	2	3	13	6
Lincoln's Sparrow			1			4		
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1	1			2		
Dark-eyed Junco						2		
"Pink-sided" race				1				
Red-winged Blackbird	172	120	3	92	1	13	220	100
Western Meadowlark	18	18	5	69	4	2	19	10
Yellow-headed Blackbird		3	11	1				
Brewer's Blackbird	60	4	65	70				25
Common Grackle	121	1		2			24	10
Brown-headed Cowbird	1						7	
House Finch	536	44	12	74		9	55	75
Pine Siskin					20	2		
Lesser Goldfinch	2	37	18		32	1		
American Goldfinch	12	3	27	3	14	21	3	39
House Sparrow	58	2		101		2	70	15
TOTAL SPECIES	73	86	93	78	50	73	61	80
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3541	2353	1365	1838	489	1810	1470	1195

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - SEPTEMBER 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Brown Pelican	9/23	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Fred Baumgarten, Nelda Gamble
	9/23-30	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Many observers
Least Bittern	9/24	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	J.B. Hayes, Joey Kellner
Great Egret	9/8	2	Rd. JJ east of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/13	2	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Smith
Cattle Egret	9/6	1	Maple Grove Reservoir, Lakewood	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
Turkey Vulture	9/12	72	Castlewood Canyon State Park	Douglas	Karen Metz
Osprey	9/18	1	Brighton	Adams	Tony Leukering
Northern Goshawk	9/28	1	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
Broad-winged Hawk	9/14	1a	Golden Gate Canyon State Park	Clear Creek	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire
	9/29	1a	East side of Sugar City	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Merlin	9/15	1	Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Adams	Richard Bunn
Peregrine Falcon	9/14	1	Golden Gate Canyon State Park	Clear Creek	Joe TenBrink, Jean Maguire
	9/15	2	Douglas County Rd. 3, south of Titan Rd.	Douglas	Bob Brown
	9/27	1i	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Sandhill Crane	9/15	2h	Pebble Creek Ranch north of Silverthorne	Summit	Sue Bonfield
	9/23	1	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Joey Kellner
American Golden-Plover	9/4	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Long-billed Curlew	9/4	3	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Mike Carter
Marbled Godwit	9/4	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Joe Himmel
Sanderling	9/23	2	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Stilt Sandpiper	9/30	2	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Parasitic Jaeger Light phase	9/8-11	1sba	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Duane Nelson
Franklin's Gull	9/25	1000+	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Great Black-backed Gull	9/3-30	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Sabine's Gull	9/19	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	9/19	1fw	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joey Kellner, Steve Stachowiak
	9/24-29	1fw	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson/ Douglas	Joey Kellner
	9/26	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Tern	9/5	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Black Tern	9/27	3	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
Band-tailed Pigeon	9/30	50	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
Eurasian Collared-Dove	9/22	1	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	9/22	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Eastern Screech-Owl	9/20	1s	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield, Scott Hutchings
Burrowing Owl	9/13	7	Picadilly Rd. between 120th Ave. and 128th Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield
Chimney Swift	9/6	5	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	9/8	2	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Black-chinned Hummingbird	9/4-7	1f	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/17	1f	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Calliope Hummingbird	9/9-14	1j or f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	9/12	1f	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
	9/17-20	1j or f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Rufous Hummingbird	9/25-28	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Red-bellied Woodpecker	9/3-5	1m	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
	9/21-22	2	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Susan Craig, Sharon Dooley
	9/21	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Joe TenBrink
Red-naped Sapsucker	9/22-28	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, many others
Willow/Alder Flycatcher	9/3	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/5	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/8	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/11	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Least Flycatcher	9/1	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/3	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/10	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/17	2lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Hammond's Flycatcher	9/27	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/3	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/3	1	835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/7	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	9/8	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	9/10	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/11	2lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/12	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/13	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/17	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/19	2lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	9/24	2lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Dusky Flycatcher	9/27	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/4	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/5	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/7	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/7	2lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	9/8	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	9/9	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/19	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	9/20	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
	9/23	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/24	2lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/24	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Cordilleran Flycatcher	9/27	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/3	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/5	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Eastern Phoebe	9/8	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/6-12	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Great Crested Flycatcher	9/8	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
Western Scrub-Jay	9/21	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Pinyon Jay	9/8	6	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings, Larry Norris
	9/7-27	34	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Mountain Chickadee	9/28	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Larry Norris
Red-breasted Nuthatch	9/2	2	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
Brown Creeper	9/22	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering
Winter Wren	9/19	1lb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/29	1	178 Rd. at Kiowa Creek	Elbert	Joe TenBrink
Townsend's Solitaire	9/21	2	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering
	9/23	3	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Fred Baumgarten
	9/24-27	2	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Veery	9/10-13	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Hermit Thrush	9/19	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
White-eyed Vireo	9/21	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Joe TenBrink
Solitary Vireo					
"Blue-headed" race	9/12	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/25	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner
"Cassin's" race	9/7	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/11	1	Castewood Canyon State Park	Douglas	Karen Metz
	9/20	1ab	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
Philadelphia Vireo	9/14	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger, Mark Janos
Red-eyed Vireo	9/3-5	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
	9/15	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Tennessee Warbler	9/20	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joe TenBrink
Nashville Warbler	9/10	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/12	1	Waterton Canyon	Douglas	Karen Metz
	9/24	1afb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Karen Metz
	9/25	1	Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Adams	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
	9/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Mark Janos
Northern Parula	9/25	1	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Virginia Dionigi
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/8	1amb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble
	9/13	1i	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Smith
Magnolia Warbler	9/3, 5	1	Last Chance	Washington	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
	9/21	1imb	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Larry Norris
	9/24	1	2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
Black-throated Blue Warbler	9/21	1	Muir Springs	Morgan	Joe TenBrink
Townsend's Warbler	9/1	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
	9/7	1	Bear Creek Park	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	9/7	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	9/6-27	1-7	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, many others
	9/20	3	Garden of the Gods	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	9/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black-throated Green Warbler	9/20-22	1i	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Leon Bright, Bob Goycoolea, Mark Janos
	9/20	1	Garden of the Gods	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Blackburnian Warbler	9/27	1f	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Pine Warbler	9/16	1	2695 Newland St., Wheat Ridge	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
Palm Warbler	9/29	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
Blackpoll Warbler	9/16-17	1i	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-and-white Warbler	9/4	1f	Rock Canyon on south side of Arkansas River, Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
American Redstart	9/4-6	1am	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/6	1fym	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/7	1	Bear Creek Park	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	9/16-18	1fym	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Prothonotary Warbler	9/30	1	Arapahoe Lakes	Arapahoe	Many observers
Ovenbird	9/3, 5	1	Last Chance	Washington	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
	9/5	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/10-11	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/12	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/22	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Sharon Dooley
Northern Waterthrush	9/3	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	9/10	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/22	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, many others
Hooded Warbler	9/9	1am	Downstream from Waterton Bridge	Jefferson	Joey Kellner

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Yellow-breasted Chat	9/4	1amb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Western Tanager	9/21	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Sharon Dooley
Pyrrhuloxia	9/10	1	4100 Rd. 60, 3 miles west of Grant	Park	The Johnson's
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/20	1ifb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble, Scott Hutchings
Spotted Towhee	9/21-22	3b	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, many others
White-throated Sparrow	9/30	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Dark-eyed Junco					
White-winged" race	9/23	1	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
"Pink-sided" race	9/30	1	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
"Gray-headed" race	9/21	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Tony Leukering, Larry Norris
McCown's Longspur	9/20	7	Northwest of Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Jim Bradley
	9/23	2	Northwest of Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Orchard Oriole	9/7	1f	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Red Crossbill	9/9-14	5-12	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	9/22	4	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	9/23	8	Lakewood Country Club	Jefferson	Patty Echelmeyer
	9/7	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

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UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

November 2, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Bob Righter, 692-8529

Meet leader at 0830 at the west gate of the park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Take Union east from Yosemite, then south and east to the gate. Half day trip, lunch optional, State Parks Pass required.

November 3, Sunday (HRP)

Highlands Ranch Open Space Park

Leader: Bob Brown, 791-6204

Meet leader at 0830 at the southeast end of the Albertson's parking lot at Highlands Ranch Pkwy. and University Blvd. From I-470 go

south on University Blvd. to Highlands Ranch Pkwy. Half day trip.

November 2-3, Saturday-Sunday (LMC)

Lake McConaughy, Nebraska

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644

Meet to carpool at 0700 at leader's home on Saturday, or meet leader at noon at Ash Hollow State Historical Park in front of visitor's center. Please call leader if you are going. Bring lunches for two days. Breakfast is available to microwave at convenience store or bring your own. Stay at Shady Rest Motel, Oshkosh, Nebraska, (308) 772-4115, \$26 single, \$32 double. Nebraska State Parks Pass required.

November 9, Saturday (NWL)

Northwest Lakes

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947

Meet leader at 0830 at the parking lot at the northwest corner of Sloan's Lake Park, N. Sheridan Blvd. at W. 25th Ave. Half day trip, lunch optional.

November 10, Sunday (WSP)

Walden, Sawmill Ponds, Boulder

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661

Meet leader at 0800 at the RTD Park-n-Ride at the northeast corner of N. Sheridan and W. 88th Ave. Half day trip, lunch optional. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 16, Saturday (NEQ)

Northeast Quadrant, Colorado

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-1748

Meet leader at 0600 at the Division of Wildlife, 6060 N. Broadway. Full day trip, bring lunch. Call leader if you are going.

November 17, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe, 659-8069

Meet leaders at 0830 at the nature center at Barr Lake. Half day trip, lunch optional. State Parks Pass required.

November 23, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682

Meet leader at 0800 at the west entrance to the park just past the entrance station. From I-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south to entrance. Bring lunch, State Parks Pass required.

November 24, Sunday (TWP)

Two Ponds and nearby areas

Leader: David Rhoades, 424-8633

Meet leader at 0800 at the northwest corner of the Target parking lot on the southwest corner of 80th Ave. and Wadsworth. Half day trip, lunch optional. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 29, Friday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Edward Schaumberg, 699-1721

Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Lunch optional.

November 30, Saturday (MFP)

Mt. Falcon, Lair o' the Bear, and Morrison parks

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet leader at 0830 at the RTD Park-n-Ride on Hampden Ave. (CO 285) at Wadsworth. Full day trip, bring lunch.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 287-1644.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

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Please indicate:

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All memberships expire December 31, but are valid for the next year if paid after October 1st.

_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00
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MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 8, 1997

Program: "Fun Birding with a Purpose"

Speaker: Greg Butcher, Executive Director, American Birding Association

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY OCTOBER 1996

September 28, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch

Leaders: Joe Rigli, Gretchen Cutts

0800-1500. 5 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear early, partly cloudy later, wind southeast
0-5 mph, 40-75°F.

Observers: Jo Abel, Larry Brink, Nadine Brink,
Margaret Dannehl, Peggy Davis, Michael
Deardorff, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer, Joyce
Doty, Ginny Faxon, Tom Faxon, Mary Kippes,
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Martha Micks, Christie Owens, Bill Popejoy,
Joan Popejoy, Joyce Quigley, Homer Wickham,
Ruth Wickham, Emilie Wicksma, Ralph
Wicksma, Alice Yockey, Ray Yockey.
37 species, 217 individuals.

October 5, Saturday (NEC)

*Northeast Colorado, to include Crow Valley
Campground, CO 14 to CO 138 to Jumbo
Reservoir, CO 138 to Ovid, I-76 to Denver*

Leaders: Joey Kellner, Norm Erthal.

0645-1645. 388 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind southeast 5-10 mph, 46-80°F.

Observers: George Armbrust, Mary Burger,
Gail Evans, Dick Schottler, Sue Schulman, Bob
Spencer.

79 species, 2,451 individuals.

October 6, Sunday (BOU)

*Ponds in Boulder area, to include Baseline
Reservoir, Sombrero and Walden Ponds.*

Leader: Bob Jickling

0830-1230. 19 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.
Clear, calm, 58-70°F.

Observers: Dale Bucknam, Dennis Downing,
Myriam Friggens, Mort Staatz, Pat Wales-
Bucknam.

37 species, 985 individuals.

October 12, Saturday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park and Castlewood Canyon

Leader: Sue Schulman

0800-1330. 7 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind 1-3 mph, 42-81°F.

Observers: Mary C. Burger, Mona Carlton,
Peggy Gonder, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm,
Debbie Kennedy, Steve Kennedy, Bill Kossack,
David Quesenberry, Cliff Reed, Brigitte
Wafford.

41 species, 414 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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October 13, Sunday

(PLR)

Platte River and Adams County

Leader: David Laliberte

0830-1630. 45 miles by car, 1.3 miles on foot.

Clear, wind east-southeast at 0-8 mph, 48-80°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Christopher Bennet, Tammy Ferreira, Don Ice, Urling Kingery, Norm Lewis, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Debbie Westblot.

48 species, 740 individuals.

October 19-20, Saturday-Sunday

(MVW)

Monte Vista NWR, to include Buena Vista, Saguache, Alamosa NWRs, Smith Reservoir, Lathrop State Park

Leaders: Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster

1030 on October 19 to 1500 on October 20.

500 miles by car. Clear to partly cloudy, breezy to windy, 30-60°F.

Observers: Stephen Boni, Dave Compton, Carolyn Cooley, Ruth Davis, Gail Evans, Carol Fredericks, Ken Fredericks, Martha Grewal, Hope Leighton, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Karleen Schofield, Paul Winston, Vicki Winston.
71 species, 5,466 individuals.

October 19, Saturday

(CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Lea Ann Brown

0800-1315. 15 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear early, partly cloudy later, wind 0-5 mph early, 15-20 mph gusts late, 50-65°F.

Observers: Kitty Albee, George Armbrust, Bob Brown, Rick Harner, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Don Ice, David Pantle, Dave Quesenberry, Bob Spencer.

40 species, 370 individuals.

October 20, Sunday

(BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Tim Mitzen

0800-1030. Zero miles by car, 0.25 miles on

foot. Cloudy to overcast with snow, wind east-southeast 0-8 mph, 34-36°F.

Observers: Myriam Friggens, Vince Mitzen.
34 species, 1,007 individuals.

October 26, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub

0755-1330. 30 miles by car, 0.75 miles on foot.

Overcast with snow turning partly cloudy, wind northwest 0-10 mph, 32-42°F.

Observers: Karen Brown, Tim Brown, Elna Cain, Chuck Walters, Lynn Wilcockson.

43 species, 1,238 individuals.

October 27, Sunday (MWP)

Matthews/Winters, Lair o' the Bear, Red Rocks, Morrison Parks, with NACCCA Camp

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0800-1400, 20 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Overcast to partly cloudy, wind 0-1 mph, 34-44°F.

Observers: Dale Bucknam, Don Ice, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Rebecca Lawrence, Greg Pasquariello, Pat Wales.

33 species, 396 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

October 1, Tuesday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 5 mph, 62-77°F.

37 species, 545 individuals.

October 8, Tuesday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0900-1215. 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 0-10 mph, 65-75°F.

35 species, 400 individuals.

October 15, Tuesday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers.

0900-1400. 20 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind northeast 2-20 mph, 62-76°F.

32 species, 403 individuals.

October 22, Tuesday (CFA)

*Chatfield Arboretum and Deer Creek Canyon
Jeffco Open Space Park*

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers.

0900-1215. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, wind northwest 10 mph, 44-60°F.

30 species, 317 individuals.

Monna Krebs, Compiler

SEASONAL WATER BIRDS CLASS

Tina Jones and the Denver Audubon Society announce a December class entitled "Seasonal water birds, plus assorted loons, grebes, scoters, mergansers and waterfowl".

Early December is a prime time to see waterbirds. At this time of year one may sight unusual waterbirds such as, swans, scoters, loons, Oldsquaw and Snow Geese. Tina Jones, a well known and respected field trip leader for the Denver Museum of Natural History, will be the instructor.

The classroom session will emphasize winter identification of Snow and Ross' Geese, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Common, Pacific and Red-throated Loons and Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes. Field trips to Denver area lakes and river corridors will include identification and natural history of water birds, particularly waterfowl.

A possible side trip may be scheduled to Rawhide Energy Station, Hamilton Reservoir, where Dr. Ronald Ryder, Professor Emeritus, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, C.S.U., may discuss his ongoing research involving waterfowl of this general area.

Non-water birds will be identified also. Students will learn identification skills that are not included in basic field guides. Field trips will last until early afternoon.

In-class session: Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 p.m., please call Denver Audubon Society for class location. Field Trips: Sunday, December 8, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, December 14, 8:30 a.m. Registration Fee: Audubon Members \$40, non-members \$50.

For more information on class curriculum contact Tina at 794-2647. To register for class, call the Denver Audubon Society at 696-0877.

CB RADIOS

In March of 1992, DFO acquired CB radios to be used for out of town trips. Since that time they have been used on many field trips and have met with a favorable response as they have added considerable enjoyment to these trips by allowing the participants to observe birds they would have otherwise missed and helping to keep wayward cars with the group.

The Board of Directors has authorized an inventory of eight units and encourages those members who regularly drive on out of town field trips to acquire their own CB units. We are currently using Radio Shack Model TRC-463, 40 channel road emergency 2-way CB radios which cost about \$50 when on sale. These units are complete with antenna, cigarette lighter plug, storage case and are compact in size.

Consider buying one of your own to assure that you will always be in contact with the rest of the group.

ATTACHMENTS - DFO FIELD TRIP REPORT - GUIDE TO REPORTING RARE BIRDS

Please note the attachments at the end of this newsletter. Joey Kellner has revised the *DFO Field Trip Report* to reflect the latest splits and revisions implemented by AOU.

The Board of Directors has asked that we reprint *A Guide To Reporting Rare Birds to the Lark Bunting*, by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes. Only birds that qualify according to this guide will be included in Additional Reports.

NEW FIELD TRIP SCHEDULER

Patty Echelmeyer has accepted a position as Field Trip Scheduler, replacing Pearl Jordan. Patty has served as club President and Secretary and founded the Tuesday Birders Group. Patty will be scheduling trips for January, April, July and October.

COLORADO BIRDING GUIDE UPDATE

In late October, the American Birding Association reported that the revised *A Birder's Guide to Colorado*, will be available early to mid February. Ed Holub, our DFO Book Store Manager, will have copies available for sale at DFO meetings thereafter. Remember, members save money and the club benefits from a percentage of the sales. Price will be \$19.95.

UPCOMING SPLITS Submitted by Jack Reddall

Additional splits to the *American Ornithologists Union Checklist of North American Birds* are under way, although not yet published. They include the following:

Solitary Vireo is to be split into three species:

Blue-headed Vireo (*vireo solitarius*)

Plumbeous Vireo (*vireo plumbeus*)

Cassin's Vireo (*vireo cassinii*)

All occur in Colorado.

Plain Titmouse is to be split into two species:

Juniper Titmouse (*parus ridgewayi*)

Resident in Colorado.

Oak Titmouse (*parus inornatus*)

Resident in western California.

Note of Interest: The committee is splitting the Marbled Murrelet into two species:

Marbled Murrelet

(*brachyramphus marmoratus*)

Long-billed Murrelet (*brachyramphus perdix*)

Colorado's lone record (specimen, August, 1982) as it turns out is the Long-billed Murrelet, an Asiatic species which strangely accounts for all other inland records elsewhere in the United States. The Marbled Murrelet is the common species of the Pacific Coast and, therefore, more likely to be expected inland than the Asiatic species.

Editor's Note: The murrelet observed initially by Joey Kellner, and later by many other observers, Saturday November 2, at Chatfield State Park is thought also to be of the Asiatic species.

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT

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SPECIES	9/28 RIG	5 NEC	6 BOU	12 PRP	13 PLR	19 CHA	19/20 MVR	20 BAR	26 RMA	27 MWP	1 WRG	8 BAR	15 CHA	22 CFA
Pied-billed Grebe		18	15	1	7	1	2	1	3		7			
Horned Grebe			7			3	4	4					2	
Eared Grebe			3					3						
Western Grebe		11	18			40	50	45	2			46	6	
American White Pelican		45			12			9				9	2	
Double-crested Cormorant		300			3	6	5	4	2			40	2	
Great Blue Heron		50			1		2					4	5	
Snowy Egret												1		
Cattle Egret		11												
Canada Goose		100	17		93	80	590	100	4		116	183	192	
Wood Duck			6		4				1					
Green-winged Teal		12	36		4	5	8	4	3				6	
Mallard		35	38		84	12	222	200	18		52	13	32	
Northern Pintail		42	5		12	1	1	5	1			1	2	
Cinnamon Teal							1							
"Blue-winged" Teal species							1							
Northern Shoveler					14	1	8	150			41	2		
Gadwall		2	4	30	37		10	20	35		19	5		
American Wigeon		68	65	35		8	9	10	50		36		2	
Canvasback							120	5						
Redhead		1	45	1			50	8	15		2			
Ring-necked Duck			18		17		50		25		4			
Lesser Scaup							10		20					
Common Goldeneye					1									
Bufflehead							24	17						
Hooded Merganser			4											
Common Merganser						2	10							

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Ruddy Duck		43			4	15	57							
"Duck" species		150												
Turkey Vulture	4									2				
Osprey						6							22	
Bald Eagle								1a	2					
Northern Harrier	2	3					2	1i	4					
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	1							1				1	2
Swainson's Hawk		6												
Red-tailed Hawk	2				6	3	15			2	1	1	5	3
Western races		14	2i	3					10					
Ferruginous Hawk		4					1		2					
Rough-legged Hawk							1							
Golden Eagle		1i								2				1
American Kestrel		1	2	1		1			1	2			1	2
Prairie Falcon	1	2							1	1			1	
Ring-necked Pheasant		1h					12		2					
American Coot		60	24	12	4	15	95	31	40		35			
Whooping Crane							1							
Sandhill Crane							1200							
Killdeer		11	26	1	8		3		2		2			
American Avocet		2												
Greater Yellowlegs		1												
Sanderling								5						
Baird's Sandpiper		4					1							
Long-billed Dowitcher							1							
Common Snipe			9						3					
Red-necked Phalarope		4												
Franklin's Gull		70			3			250				4		
Ring-billed Gull		300	75	1	75	18	2	3			11	15	40	
California Gull		9			4	2						3	2	
Herring Gull		1i						3				1		
Gull species														1
Rock Dove	2	42			48	15	16		15	21			2	
Mourning Dove	5	9	1	8	7									
Great Horned Owl	1	1		1		2	5							2
Burrowing Owl		6												
Belted Kingfisher					2	2					2		1	
Lewis' Woodpecker		2												
Red-naped Sapsucker	1													
Downy Woodpecker					1	2	1				2	2		
"Batchelder's" race				5										
Eastern races		1												
Hairy Woodpecker														
Eastern race		1												
Northern Flicker						6	4			12	16	4	4	6
"Red-shafted" race	1	8	5	7	11			2	6					
"Hybrid" flicker										1				
Western Wood-Pewee	1													
Say's Phoebe	1	1												
Cassin's Kingbird	1													
Western Kingbird	1													
Horned Lark	8	24			1h		38		40					
No. Rough-winged Swallow				1										
Barn Swallow	4	14					2					25		
Steller's Jay				10			1			7				2
Blue Jay		4	2	8	3					1	6	1		
Western Scrub-Jay				4			1			29				12
Pinyon Jay							90							

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Clark's Nutcracker							16							
Black-billed Magpie		5	10		6	12	15	4	40	21	23	3	14	26
American Crow			9		1	6	30		1	12	7		5	42
Common Raven			1	1			20			9				1
Black-capped Chickadee			11	18	11	23		2	5	8	20	4	22	17
Mountain Chickadee		6	1	10	2		17			5				1
Bushtit							66							
Red-breasted Nuthatch		6		1			3		1		1	1		
White-breasted Nuthatch				6		4	3							
Brown Creeper						5	1			1	2			1
Rock Wren	1											1		
Canyon Wren														1
House Wren		3			1									
American Dipper										4				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	5			1	5	2			2		1		1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		3												
Eastern Bluebird		3												
Western Bluebird				5			47							
Mountain Bluebird				40			83		4	25				
Townsend's Solitaire	1	4		10			10			6		2		1
Swainson's Thrush		4												
Hermit Thrush		2									1			
American Robin	2	35	9	40	23	3	42	8	5	13	10	1	4	66
Gray Catbird		1								1				
Sage Thrasher	2													
Cedar Waxwing												2		
European Starling	10	61	450	50	12	24	1500	12	675		51		5	1
Warbling Vireo											1			
Orange-crowned Warbler		6	1	1	5						3			
Yellow Warbler	1													
Yellow-rumped Warbler				6	24	3	1			3	22	2		4
"Audubon's" race	1	30	13											
Townsend's Warbler		1												
Wilson's Warbler	2	5									1			
Western Tanager	2	2												
Green-tailed Towhee		1												
Spotted Towhee	2	3		8	2					1,1h	1	1		
American Tree Sparrow									5	9				
Chipping Sparrow	15				52		3							
Clay-colored Sparrow		1a		2										
Brewer's Sparrow	30													
Vesper Sparrow	5	1												
Lark Sparrow	2													
Song Sparrow		3	1	15	5	1	2	2	1	2	7	6	5	1
Lincoln's Sparrow												1		
White-throated Sparrow		1		2		2								
White-crowned Sparrow					21	4	9	12	5	18	1	6		5
"Dark-lore" races				3										
"Gambel's" race	6	32												
Harris Sparrow					1									1i
Sparrow species													2	
Dark-eyed Junco						18	28			59	3	7		21
"White-winged" race								1	10	5				
"Slate-colored" race									2	9				
"Oregon" race								2	30	16			2	
"Pink-sided" race		5		4				7	100	30				
"Gray-headed" race										19				
McCown's Longspur		3												
Longspur species		500												

SPECIES	9/28	5	6	12	13	19	19/20	20	26	27	1	8	15	22
	RIG	NEC	BOU	PRP	PLR	CHA	MVR	BAR	RMA	MWP	WRG	BAR	CHA	CFA
Red-winged Blackbird	20	100	18	10	43	3	715	60	10		3		6	75
Western Meadowlark	7	82	2	10	1	3	1	4	12	1		1	14	1
Brewer's Blackbird					10		6						2	
Great-tailed Grackle							5							
Common Grackle		22	24	1	30		22				2			
Brown-headed Cowbird							50							
Cassin's Finch							6			2				
House Finch	2	11	8	20	18	7	30	7	20	24	12	1	9	19
Red Crossbill							2							
Pine Siskin		2		2						1				
American Goldfinch		2		20		1			2		2		1	1
House Sparrow	65	14			5		6	5	2	9	12			
TOTAL SPECIES	37	79	37	41	48	40	71	34	43	33	37	35	32	30
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	217	2451	985	414	740	370	5466	1007	1238	396	545	400	403	317

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - OCTOBER 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	10/18-19	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	10/29	1aw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes, Bob Brown
	10/30	3aw	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	10/30-31	1-2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Loon	10/11	4aw	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	10/30	8	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
	10/30-31	4	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Brown Pelican	10/4-10	1i	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	J.B. Hayes, Bob Brown
	10/17	1i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes, Bob Brown
Snow Goose "White" morph	10/30	120	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
	10/29	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	J.B. Hayes
	10/31	2i	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	10/31	350	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	10/30	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
"Blue" morph	10/30	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
Ross' Goose	10/31	150	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Brant	10/28	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Jack Reddall, Scott Hutchings (F)
Greater Scaup	10/30	1m	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Oldsquaw	10/24	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Surf Scoter	10/9	1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	10/19	1f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	10/24	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/28	2f	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Jack Reddall
	10/30	1a	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
White-winged Scoter	10/30	2	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bob Goycoolea
Barrow's Goldeneye	10/27	1if	2.2 miles north of Silverthorne	Summit	Tony Leukering, Sue Bonfield, Scott Hutchings
Osprey	10/4	2	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	10/7	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Merlin	10/23	1	Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Adams	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Peregrine Falcon	10/1	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Sharp-tailed Grouse	10/5	2	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Joe TenBrink
Long-billed Curlew	10/6	4	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Stilt Sandpiper	10/20	6	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Thayer's Gull	10/30	1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Glaucous Gull	10/22	1fw	Jackson Reservoir	Morgan	Jack Reddall
Great Black-backed Gull	10/7-31	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes, Bob Brown
Sabine's Gull	10/1	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eurasian Collared-Dove	10/12	8	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	10/13	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Eastern Screech-Owl	10/22	1hc	Muir Springs Park	Morgan	Jack Reddall
Northern Pygmy-Owl	10/3	1h	Mt. Falcon Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Common Poorwill	10/4	1	Booth Mountain	Pueblo	Richard Bunn
Red-naped Sapsucker	10/6	1a	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	10/8	1a	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Least Flycatcher	10/5	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
Hammond's Flycatcher	10/5	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Empidonax species	10/8	1	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	J.B. Hayes
Mountain Chickadee	10/1-31	5+	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
	10/2	1-2	869 Milwaukee St.	Denver	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
	10/5-20	1-4	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Smith, mo
	10/9	1	Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Adams	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
	10/12	1b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
	10/12-20	1-2	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, mo
Plain Titmouse	10/9	1	Lathrop State Park	Huerfano	Jack Reddall
Bushtit	10/22	9b	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Nelda Gamble, Scott Hutchings
Winter Wren	10/5	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	10/22	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Nelda Gamble
Eastern Bluebird	10/13	1m	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	10/16	1	Near Ridge Rd.	Elbert	Joe TenBrink
	10/17	1m	Castlewood Canyon Rd.	Douglas	Karen Metz
	10/19	1m	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
Wood Thrush	10/14	1ab	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	10/16	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Varied Thrush	10/11	1m	10 Sedum Ct. Pueblo	Pueblo	Mark Janos
Solitary Vireo "Cassin's" race	10/18	2	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Golden-winged Warbler	10/11	1imb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Nelda Gamble
	10/13	1m	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/10	1imb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/5	1m	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Smith
Townsend's Warbler	10/1	2	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/1	1	869 Milwaukee St.	Denver	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
	10/5	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, David Smith
	10/8	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/12	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Black-throated Green Warbler	10/2	1ifb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Jim Bradley
	10/12	1i	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Prairie Warbler	10/10	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Palm Warbler	10/20	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Prothonotary Warbler	10/4	1	Arapahoe Lakes	Arapahoe	Lea Ann Brown
	10/7, 10/13	1	Arapahoe Lakes	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Kentucky Warbler	10/17	1a	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Scarlet Tanager	10/30	1w	730 E. Redwood Ct., Highlands Ranch	Douglas	Lea Ann Brown (F)
Indigo Bunting	10/14	1h	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Clay-colored Sparrow	10/20	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival

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Field Sparrow	10/6-13	1	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
	10/9	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/9	1	Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Adams	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
White-throated Sparrow	10/5-20	1-3	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, mo
	10/6	1	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	10/7-11	1-5	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	10/9	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/10	2	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	10/11	1ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
	10/26	2	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Bob Brown
	10/30	2ib	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/30	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/31	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
Golden-crowned Sparrow	10/31	1i	4450 S. Alton St., Greenwood Village	Arapahoe	Jack Reddall
Harris' Sparrow	10/8	1i	Crow Valley Campground	Weld	J.B. Hayes
	10/9-10	1ifb	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/14	1a	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/21	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	10/31	1aw, 1i	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
McCown's Longspur	10/6	50	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	10/6	15	CO 96, west of Arlington	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Chestnut-collared Longspur	10/27	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/30	30	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	10/27	650+	Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Mike Kinslow, mo
	10/31	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Black Rosy-Finch	10/27	3m, 3f	Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Mike Kinslow, mo
Brown-capped Rosy Finch	10/27	350+	Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Mike Kinslow, mo
Cassin's Finch	10/4	12	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
	10/10	1h	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/12	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Larry Norris
Red Crossbill	10/8	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/10	2j	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones, J.B. Hayes
	10/19	75	Genessee Mountain	Jefferson	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Evening Grosbeak	10/3	7	Franktown	Douglas	Karen Metz
	10/10	1h	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	10/21	1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

Note: From the Field Trip Scheduling Committee and DFO Board:

Leaders are asked to be conscientious about adhering to the posted speed limits while leading car caravans on DFO trips. The most important issues here are member safety and keeping all cars in the caravan together.

Also, please take time at the start of each field trip to introduce participants. Introductions help to make new members and guests feel welcome.

As part of the introduction inquire about the birding experience of new members so the leader can determine how much assistance might be needed during the field trip.

Thank you leaders for making DFO such a successful club!

December 7, Saturday (NDL)

Northwest Denver area lakes

Leader: Diana Mullineaux, 278-7245

Meet leader at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave., near Robb St. Lunch optional.

December 8, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Randy Lentz, 680-3381

Meet leader at 0830 at the west gate of the park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Take Union east from Yosemite, then south and east to the gate. Half day trip. Lunch optional.

Scheduled by Mort Staatz 279-6169.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1996

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler, 278-8035

Field Coordinators: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947

Tina Jones, 794-2647

Compilation Meeting: Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members, regardless of birding skill level, are encouraged to participate in the 43rd annual Denver Christmas Bird Count sponsored by the National Audubon Society. Call one of the area leaders listed below if you would like to assist in a particular area, or call Dick Schottler if you would like to help count in any area that needs additional observers. There are three areas that still have no leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out. If you are interested in leading one of these areas, please call Dick Schottler as soon as possible.

In order to participate in the Christmas Bird Count, each observer must pay a \$5.00 fee. This fee is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official Christmas Bird Counts in the *National Audubon Society Field Notes*. Participants must pay the fee to their area leader before taking part in the count. Checks must be made payable to "National Audubon Society Field Notes", not to the Denver Field Ornithologists or *American Birds*.

Pre-counts: Pre-counts of areas are encouraged. Since days and times will vary for pre-counts, please contact an area leader if you wish to help on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participation in a pre-count.

Listed on the next page are the area numbers and locations along with the names and telephone numbers of the area leaders. Contact area leaders for information on meeting times and places on Count Day, Saturday, December 21, 1996.

Areas:

1. Red Rocks Park	Bob and Lea Ann Brown	791-6204
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer	279-4682
	Mary Jane Schock	922-3144
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins	969-8909
3. Bow Mar/Marston	Mort Staatz	279-6169
4A. Lower South Platte	Ed Holub	979-2194
4B. Lower South Platte	Dick Schottler	278-8035
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver	936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Norm Erthal	424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte	Joey Kellner	978-1748
7B. Middle South Platte	Hugh Kingery	333-0161
8. Chatfield State Park	Randy Lentz	680-3381
9. Upper South Platte	Leader needed	
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson	757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Doug Ward	937-7574
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell	979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	David Laliberte	297-2504
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch	233-3372
15. Indian Hills	Dieter Kamm	697-9681
16. Upper Bear Creek	Dave Quesenberry	796-7603
17. Ken Caryl Ranch	Leader needed	
18. Garrison Gate	Leader needed	
19. Morrison/Willow Brook	Jackie King	287-1644
20. Willow Creek	Kurt Hebner	273-9230
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	Karleen Schofield	936-8661
Feeders	Patty Echelmeyer	233-4947

DENVER URBAN CHRISTMAS COUNT, MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1997

Count Leader/Compiler: Hugh Kingery, 333-0161
 Compilation Meeting: Pot luck at the Kingery's, 869 Milwaukee St., 333-0161

1. South Platte River (South)	Betty and Harold Oliver	936-6902
2. South Platte River (North)	Dick Schottler	278-8035
3. Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Urling Kingery	333-0161
4. Commerce City, Montbello	Jackie King	287-1644
5. Sand Creek/Tollgate Creek and Aurora	Randy Lentz	680-3381
6. Buckley Field	Leader Needed	
7. Cherry Creek Reservoir	Patty Echelmeyer	233-4947
8. Englewood, south of Hampden Ave.	Lynn Willcockson	757-7000
9. Southeast Denver, north of Hampden Ave.	Walt Hackney	750-2823
10. Cherry Creek Dam to Denver Country Club	Julene Pimentel	777-7297
11. Fairmont Cemetery/Lowry Field	Tuesday Birders	979-6211
12. Denver Zoo	Mary Patterson	
13. City Park and Park Hill	Leader Needed	
14. Cherry Creek, University Blvd.-Confluence	Mary Gray	759-9162
15. Feeders	Jeane Hageman	322-6589

PUEBLO AREA CHRISTMAS COUNT

Count Leader/Compiler: Brandon Percival 719-547-3722

Pueblo Reservoir, Saturday, December 21	Mark Yeager	719-543-2724
Rocky Ford, Sunday, December 22	Mark Janos	719-544-5002
Penrose, Sunday, December 22	Rosie Watts	719-372-6679
Westcliffe, Saturday, December 28	Dave Johnson	719-545-5548
Pueblo, date to be determined	Mike Ketchen	719-547-9134
Lake Isabel, Saturday, January 4	David Silverman	719-489-3565

CHRISTMAS COUNTS - OTHER AREAS

Barr Lake State Park, Saturday, December 28	Tony Leukering	303-659-4348
Fort Collins, Saturday, December 21	Kevin Cook	970-223-8392
Greeley area, Saturday, December 28	Tom Kozan	970-356-2698
North Park, Thursday, December 26	Clait Braun	970-484-2836
Nunn, Tuesday, December 24	Jim Sedgwick	970-226-9466
Rawhide Reservoir, Sunday, December 29	Ron Ryder	970-482-8089
Rocky Mountain National Park, Sunday, Dec. 22	Clait Braun	970-484-2836

DFO FIELD TRIP REPORT FORM

LOCALITY _____

DATE _____ TIME BIRDING (From) _____ (To) _____ Elevation _____ Ft

HABITATS _____

DISTANCE COVERED (By Car) _____ Mi (On Foot) _____ Mi

WEATHER _____ TEMPERATURE _____ °F

WIND (Direction) _____ (Velocity) _____ MPH LEADER(S) _____

OBSERVERS _____

TOTALS: SPECIES _____ INDIVIDUALS _____

LOONS

- ____ Red-throated Loon
- ____ Pacific Loon
- ____ Common Loon

GREBES

- ____ Pied-billed Grebe
- ____ Horned Grebe
- ____ Eared Grebe
- ____ Western Grebe
- ____ Clark's Grebe

PELICANS

- ____ American White Pelican

CORMORANTS

- ____ Double-crested Cormorant

BITTERNS & HERONS

- ____ American Bittern
- ____ Least Bittern
- ____ Great Blue Heron
- ____ Great Egret
- ____ Snowy Egret
- ____ Little Blue Heron
- ____ Cattle Egret
- ____ Green Heron
- ____ Black-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES

- ____ White-faced Ibis

SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

- ____ Tundra Swan
- ____ Greater White-fronted Goose
- ____ Snow Goose
- ____ "White" morph
- ____ "Blue" morph
- ____ Ross' Goose
- ____ Canada Goose
- ____ Wood Duck
- ____ Green-winged Teal
- ____ Mallard
- ____ Northern Pintail
- ____ Blue-winged Teal
- ____ Cinnamon Teal
- ____ "Blue-winged" Teal sp.
- ____ Northern Shoveler
- ____ Gadwall
- ____ American Wigeon
- ____ Canvasback
- ____ Redhead
- ____ Ring-necked Duck
- ____ Greater Scaup
- ____ Lesser Scaup
- ____ Oldsquaw
- ____ Surf Scoter
- ____ White-winged Scoter
- ____ Common Goldeneye
- ____ Barrow's Goldeneye
- ____ Bullhead
- ____ Hooded Merganser
- ____ Common Merganser
- ____ Red-breasted Merganser
- ____ Ruddy Duck

AMERICAN VULTURES

- ____ Turkey Vulture

KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS

- ____ Osprey
- ____ Mississippi Kite
- ____ Bald Eagle

- ____ Northern Harrier
- ____ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ____ Cooper's Hawk
- ____ Northern Goshawk
- ____ Accipiter sp.
- ____ Broad-winged Hawk
- ____ Swainson's Hawk
- ____ Red-tailed Hawk
- ____ Western race
- ____ "Harlan's" race
- ____ "Krieger's" race
- ____ Ferruginous Hawk
- ____ Rough-legged Hawk
- ____ Buteo sp.
- ____ Golden Eagle

FALCONS

- ____ American Kestrel
- ____ Merlin
- ____ Peregrine Falcon
- ____ Prairie Falcon
- ____ Falcon sp.

PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS & QUAIL

- ____ Chukar
- ____ Ring-necked Pheasant
- ____ Blue Grouse
- ____ White-tailed Ptarmigan
- ____ Sage Grouse
- ____ Greater Prairie-Chicken
- ____ Lesser Prairie-Chicken
- ____ Sharp-tailed Grouse
- ____ Wild Turkey
- ____ Northern Bobwhite
- ____ Scaled Quail
- ____ Gambel's Quail

RAILS & COOTS

- ____ Virginia Rail
- ____ Sora
- ____ American Coot

CRANES

- ____ Sandhill Crane

PLOVERS

- ____ Black-bellied Plover
- ____ American Golden Plover
- ____ Snowy Plover
- ____ Semipalmated Plover
- ____ Killdeer
- ____ Mountain Plover

STILTS & AVOCETS

- ____ Black-necked Stilt
- ____ American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & ALLIES

- ____ Greater Yellowlegs
- ____ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ____ Solitary Sandpiper
- ____ Willet
- ____ Spotted Sandpiper
- ____ Upland Sandpiper
- ____ Whimbrel
- ____ Long-billed Curlew
- ____ Hudsonian Godwit
- ____ Marbled Godwit
- ____ Ruddy Turnstone
- ____ Red Knot
- ____ Sanderling
- ____ Semipalmated Sandpiper

- ____ Western Sandpiper
- ____ Least Sandpiper
- ____ White-rumped Sandpiper
- ____ Baird's Sandpiper
- ____ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ____ Dunlin
- ____ Stilt Sandpiper
- ____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- ____ Short-billed Dowitcher
- ____ Long-billed Dowitcher
- ____ Common Snipe
- ____ Wilson's Phalarope
- ____ Red-necked Phalarope
- ____ Red Phalarope

GULLS & TERNS

- ____ Parasitic Jaeger
- ____ Franklin's Gull
- ____ Bonaparte's Gull
- ____ Ring-billed Gull
- ____ California Gull
- ____ Herring Gull
- ____ Thayer's Gull
- ____ Glaucous Gull
- ____ Black-legged Kittiwake
- ____ Sabine's Gull
- ____ Caspian Tern
- ____ Common Tern
- ____ Forster's Tern
- ____ Least Tern
- ____ Black Tern

PIGEONS & DOVES

- ____ Rock Dove
- ____ Band-tailed Pigeon
- ____ Mourning Dove

CUCKOOS & ROADRUNNERS

- ____ Black-billed Cuckoo
- ____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- ____ Greater Roadrunner

BARN OWLS

- ____ Barn Owl

TYPICAL OWLS

- ____ Flamulated Owl
- ____ Eastern Screech-Owl
- ____ Western Screech-Owl
- ____ Great Horned Owl
- ____ Snowy Owl
- ____ Northern Pygmy-Owl
- ____ Burrowing Owl
- ____ Long-eared Owl
- ____ Short-eared Owl
- ____ Northern Saw-whet Owl

GOATSUCKERS

- ____ Common Nighthawk
- ____ Common Poorwill

SWIFTS

- ____ Black Swift
- ____ Chimney Swift
- ____ White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

- ____ Black-chinned hummingbird
- ____ Calliope hummingbird
- ____ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
- ____ Rufous Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS

- ____ Belted Kingfisher

- ☐ Lewis' Woodpecker
- ☐ Red-headed Woodpecker
- ☐ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- ☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ☐ Red-naped Sapsucker
- ☐ Williamson's Sapsucker
- ☐ Ladder-backed Woodpecker
- ☐ Downy Woodpecker
 - ☐ "Rocky Mountain" race
 - ☐ Eastern race (spotted wings)
- ☐ Hairy Woodpecker
 - ☐ "Rocky Mountain" race
 - ☐ Eastern race (spotted wings)
- ☐ Three-toed Woodpecker
- ☐ Northern Flicker
 - ☐ "Yellow-shafted" race
 - ☐ "Red-shafted" race

- _____ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- _____ Western Wood-Pewee
- _____ Willow Flycatcher
- _____ Least Flycatcher
- _____ Hammond's Flycatcher
- _____ Dusky Flycatcher
- _____ Gray Flycatcher
- _____ Cordilleran Flycatcher
- _____ Empidonax sp.
- _____ Eastern Phoebe
- _____ Say's Phoebe
- _____ Vermilion Flycatcher
- _____ Ash-throated Flycatcher
- _____ Great Crested Flycatcher
- _____ Cassin's Kingbird
- _____ Western Kingbird
- _____ Eastern Kingbird
- _____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Horned Lark

- _____ Purple Martin
- _____ Tree Swallow
- _____ Violet-green Swallow
- _____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- _____ Bank Swallow
- _____ Cliff Swallow
- _____ Barn Swallow

- _____ Gray Jay
- _____ Steller's Jay
- _____ Blue Jay
- _____ Western Scrub-Jay
- _____ Pinyon Jay
- _____ Clark's Nutcracker
- _____ Black-billed Magpie
- _____ American Crow
- _____ Chihuahuan Raven
- _____ Common Raven

_____ Black-capped Chickadee
_____ Mountain Chickadee
_____ Plain Titmouse

Dusht

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch

Brown Creeper

- ☐ Rock Wren
- ☐ Canyon Wren
- ☐ Carolina Wren
- ☐ Bewick's Wren
- ☐ House Wren
- ☐ Winter Wren
- ☐ Marsh Wren

American Dipper

- _____ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- _____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- _____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- _____ Eastern Bluebird
- _____ Western Bluebird
- _____ Mountain Bluebird
- _____ Townsend's Solitaire
- _____ Veery
- _____ Swainson's Thrush
- _____ Hermit Thrush
- _____ American Robin

_____ Gray Catbird
_____ Northern Mockingbird
_____ Sage Thrasher
_____ Brown Thrasher
_____ Curve-billed Thrasher

_____ American Pipit
_____ Sprague's Pipit

_____ Bohemian Waxwing
_____ Cedar Waxwing

_____ Northern Shrike
_____ Loggerhead Shrike

European Starling

- ☐ Bell's Vireo
- ☐ Gray Vireo
- ☐ Solitary Vireo
- ☐ "Plumbeous" race
- ☐ "Cassin's" race
- ☐ "Blue-headed" race
- ☐ Warbling Vireo
- ☐ Philadelphia Vireo
- ☐ Red-eyed Vireo

- _____ Blue-winged Warbler
- _____ Golden-winged Warbler
- _____ Tennessee Warbler
- _____ Orange-crowned Warbler
- _____ Nashville Warbler
- _____ Virginia's Warbler
- _____ Northern Parula
- _____ Yellow Warbler
- _____ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- _____ Magnolia Warbler
- _____ Cape May Warbler
- _____ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- _____ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- _____ "Myrtle" race
- _____ "Audubon's" race
- _____ Black-throated Gray Warbler

- Townsend's Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Grace's Warbler
- Palm Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Worm-eating Warbler
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Kentucky Warbler
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Hooded Warbler
- Wilson's Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager
- Western Tanager
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Black-headed Grosbeak

- _____ Blue Grosbeak
- _____ Lazuli Bunting
- _____ Indigo Bunting
- _____ Dickcissel
- _____ Green-tailed Towhee
- _____ Spotted Towhee
- _____ Canyon Towhee
- _____ Cassin's Sparrow
- _____ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- _____ American Tree Sparrow
- _____ Chipping Sparrow
- _____ Clay-colored Sparrow
- _____ Brewer's Sparrow
- _____ Field Sparrow
- _____ Vesper Sparrow
- _____ Lark Sparrow
- _____ Black-throated Sparrow
- _____ Sage Sparrow
- _____ Lark Bunting
- _____ Savannah Sparrow
- _____ Grasshopper Sparrow
- _____ Fox Sparrow
- _____ "Slate-colored" race
- _____ "Yukon" race
- _____ Song Sparrow
- _____ Lincoln's Sparrow
- _____ Swamp Sparrow
- _____ White-throated Sparrow
- _____ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- _____ White-crowned Sparrow
- _____ Dark lored races
- _____ "Gambel's" race (white lores)
- _____ Harris' Sparrow
- _____ Dark-eyed Junco
- _____ "White-winged" race
- _____ "Slate-colored" race
- _____ "Oregon" race
- _____ "Pink-sided" race
- _____ "Gray-headed" race

- ☐ McCown's Longspur
- ☐ Lapland Longspur
- ☐ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- ☐ Snow Bunting
- ☐ Bobolink
- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird
- ☐ Western Meadowlark
- ☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- ☐ Rusty Blackbird
- ☐ Brewer's Blackbird
- ☐ Great-tailed Grackle
- ☐ Common Grackle
- ☐ Brown-headed Cowbird
- ☐ Orchard Oriole
- ☐ Baltimore Oriole
- ☐ Bullock's Oriole

- _____ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
- _____ Black Rosy Finch
- _____ Brown-capped Rosy Finch
- _____ Pine Grosbeak
- _____ Cassin's Finch
- _____ House Finch
- _____ Red Crossbill
- _____ Common Redpoll
- _____ Pine Siskin
- _____ Lesser Goldfinch
- _____ "Green-backed" race
- _____ "Black-backed" race

Evening Grosbeak

OLD WORLD SPARROWS
House Sparrow

RARE AND ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

A GUIDE TO REPORTING RARE BIRDS TO THE *LARK BUNTING*
by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes

This guide is a slight modification of one that appeared in the May 1992 *Lark Bunting*. It is intended as a guide to which species qualify for submittal to the Editor for inclusion as "Additional Reports", which ones require preparation of a rare-bird reporting form (see July 1992 *Lark Bunting*) and which are unusual enough to be reported to the Colorado Bird Report. Included is a Check-List of Colorado Birds (totaling 445 species). On the Check-List, species of special concern are designated by prefixes that indicate the degree of rarity of the species and/or recommend what course of action to follow if the species is observed:

1. An Accidental (5 or fewer records for the state) or Very Rare (6 to 15 records for the state) species that should be reported to the Editor on a Rare Bird Report (hereinafter designated RBR) form. A sighting of any species not on the Check-List (a species new to Colorado) also requires completion of an RBR.

1a. A species that requires an RBR only if observed in adult plumage.

1d. An unusual species that requires an RBR because of the difficulty of field identification.

1e. A species that requires an RBR only if observed on the eastern plains.

1f. A species that requires an RBR only if observed during fall migration.

1i. A species that requires an RBR only if observed in immature or fall plumage.

[Field Trip Leaders, when encountering any species marked by the above prefixes, are urged to submit an RBR prepared either by the leader or another member of the field trip]

[Unless specifically requested not to do so, the Editor forwards all RBR-s to the Records Committee of the Colorado Field Ornithologists]

2. A Rare or Uncommon species that, although it does not require an RBR, should be reported to the Editor and documented with a brief statement indicating the key field marks that led to the identification.

2e. A species that should be reported and documented as in 2 only if observed on the eastern plains.

2i. A species that should be reported and documented as in 2 only if observed in immature or fall plumage.

3. An unusual or otherwise interesting species that should be reported to the Editor for probable inclusion under "Additional Reports".

Species that carry no prefix are not considered rare or unusual. However, sightings of unprefixed species that are worthy of being submitted to the *Lark Bunting* include: especially large numbers of individuals (e.g., 100 Wood Ducks); a winter observation of a summer breeder (e.g., a Hermit Thrush in January); a species seen out of its normal range within the state (e.g., a Common Grackle in Western Colorado). Other sightings of unprefixed species, when reported to the Editor, will be included under "Additional Reports" only when space permits and when the species is not otherwise reported elsewhere in the same issue of the *Lark Bunting*.

Species reports submitted to the *Lark Bunting* should include 1) the common name of the species, 2) the date(s) of the observation, 3) the number of birds observed indicating sex or plumage when possible, 4) the exact place the species was seen including the county, and 5) the names of the persons who were with you and shared in the identification. As noted above, species prefixed by 2, 2e, or 2i should also include supporting details. For example:

GREATER SCAUP 2/21 (1 male) McLellan Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (Bob Smith, Dick Jones). Field marks noted: rounded profile of head, large nail, white wing stripe extending into outer primaries.

Sightings may be reported to the Editor by telephone but it is much preferred that they be reported in writing. If they are reported by phone, please be prepared to supply all of the information indicated above. Reports must be received no later than the 5th of the month following the month of observation.

It is urged that all species prefixed by a 1 be reported to the Colorado Bird Report. Most species prefixed by a 2 or a 3 also deserve to be reported to the CBR. Species that have no prefix usually merit reporting to the CBR only if they are found well out of their normal range or season.

[Note: Birds reported to the CBR must be separately reported to the Editor of the *Lark Bunting* as outlined above for the original observer to be credited with the sighting and for details of the occurrence to be printed]

On the accompanying Check-List every species is suffixed with one or two capital letters or symbols. This is a simplified attempt to indicate the normal status of each species in the state. These designations are merely a guide and should be treated as such. For example, even though the Blue Grouse is listed as a Resident species (R), one would not expect to see it along the South Platte River out on the plains. Nor would one look for a Greater Roadrunner, also a Resident species (R), in the coniferous forests of the Rocky Mountains. Due to space limitations, no attempt is made to indicate abundance, altitudinal distribution, or preferred habitats of the individual species. Information on these must be obtained from field guides, *A Birder's Guide to Colorado* by Harold R. Holt and James A. Lane, or, especially, *Colorado Birds: A Reference to their Distribution and Habitat* by Robert Andrews and Robert Righter. The suffixes used on the Check-List and their meanings are:

- A Accidental occurrence (5 or fewer records for Colorado; does not breed in the state)
- F Fall migrant only (does not breed in the state)
- IR Introduced Resident (not native; present year-round and breeds in the state)
- M Spring and fall Migrant (passes through during migration but does not breed within the state; individuals of some species returning in the fall may remain in the state through the winter)
- MB Migrant Breeder (spring migrants that enter the state to breed and that migrate out in the fall; these are non-Residents)
- NW Resident (present year-round but does not breed in the state; local population greatly increases with the arrival of winter visitors)
- R Resident (present year-round and breeds in the state)
- RM Resident and Migrant (year-round population joined by spring migrants that may just pass through the state or remain to breed; individuals of some species returning in the fall may remain in the state through the winter)
- S Spring migrant only (does not breed in the state)
- VB Very rare Breeder (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times; a non-Resident but has bred in state)
- VM Very rare Migrant (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times during spring and/or fall migration; has not bred in state)
- VW Very rare Winter visitor (has occurred in Colorado 6 to 15 times in winter; does not breed in state)
- W Winter visitor only (normally present only in the winter months; does not breed in the state)
- W# Winter visitor only (occurs irregularly - not every winter; may irrupt in large numbers some years)
- ? Status undetermined (requires further study)

The check list that follows does not include species that had not been accepted by the Colorado Field Ornithologists' Official Records Committee by December 31, 1991.

CHECK-LIST OF COLORADO BIRDS (AUGUST 1993)

GAVIDAE

- 1 Red-throated Loon VM
- 2 Pacific Loon M
- 3 Common Loon M
- 1 Yellow-billed Loon VW

PODICIPEDIDAE

- Pied-billed Grebe RM
- Horned Grebe M
- 2 Red-necked Grebe M
- Eared Grebe MB
- Western Grebe MB
- Clark's Grebe MB

PELECANIDAE

- American White Pelican MB
- 1 Brown Pelican A

PHALACROCORACIDAE

- Double-cr'st'd Cormorant MB
- 1 Neotropic Cormorant VM

ANHINGIDAE

- 1 Anhinga A

FREGATIDAE

- 1 Magnificent Frigatebird A

ARDEIDAE

- 3 American Bittern MB
- 2 Least Bittern MB
- Great Blue Heron MB
- 3 Great Egret MB
- Snowy Egret MB
- 112 Little Blue Heron MB
- 1 Tricolored Heron VM
- 1 Reddish Egret A
- Cattle Egret MB
- 3 Green-backed Heron MB
- Blk.-crown'd Night-Heron RM
- 112 Yell.-crown'd Night-Heron MB

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

- 1 White Ibis A
- 1 Glossy Ibis A
- White-faced Ibis MB
- 1 Roseate Spoonbill A

CICONIIDAE

- 1 Wood Stork A

ANATIDAE

- 1 Fulvous Whistling-Duck A
- 2 Tundra Swan M
- 1 Trumpeter Swan VW
- 3 Gtr. White-fronted Goose M
- Snow Goose M
- 2 Ross' Goose M
- 1 Brant VM
- Canada Goose RM
- Wood Duck R
- Green-winged Teal RM
- 1d American Black Duck M
- Mallard RM
- Northern Pintail RM
- 1 Garganey A
- Blue-winged Teal MB
- Cinnamon Teal MB
- Northern Shoveler RM
- Gadwall RM
- 1 Eurasian Wigeon VM

American Wigeon MB

- Canvasback MB
- Redhead MB
- Ring-necked Duck RM
- 2 Greater Scaup M
- Lesser Scaup MB
- 1 Harlequin Duck A
- 3 Oldsquaw M
- 2 Black Scoter M
- 2 Surf Scoter M
- 2 White-winged Scoter M
- Common Goldeneye M
- 3 Barrow's Goldeneye R
- Bufflehead M
- Hooded Merganser RM
- Common Merganser RM
- 2 Red-breasted Merganser M
- Ruddy Duck RM

CATHARTIDAE

- Turkey Vulture MB

ACCIPITRIDAE

- 3 Osprey MB
- 1 Am. Swallow-tailed Kite VM
- 3 Mississippi Kite MB
- Bald Eagle RM
- Northern Harrier RM
- Sharp-shinned Hawk RM
- Cooper's Hawk RM
- 3 Northern Goshawk R
- 2 Red-shouldered Hawk M
- 3 Broad-winged Hawk M
- Swainson's Hawk MB
- Red-tailed Hawk RM
- Ferruginous Hawk RM
- Rough-legged Hawk W
- Golden Eagle R

FALCONIDAE

- American Kestrel RM
- 3 Merlin W
- 3 Peregrine Falcon MB
- 1 Gyrfalcon VW
- Prairie Falcon RM

PHASIANIDAE

- 3 Chukar IR
- Ring-necked Pheasant IR
- 3 Blue Grouse R
- 3 White-tailed Ptarmigan R
- 1 Ruffed Grouse ?
- 3 Sage Grouse R
- 3 Greater Prairie-Chicken R
- 3 Lesser Prairie-Chicken R
- 2a3 Sharp-tailed Grouse R
- 3 Wild Turkey R
- Northern Bobwhite R
- 3 Scaled Quail R
- 3 Gambel's Quail R

RALLIDAE

- 1 Yellow Rail A
- 1 Black Rail A
- 1 King Rail A
- Virginia Rail RM
- Sora MB

1 Purple Gallinule A

- 1 Common Moorhen VM
- American Coot RM

GRUIDAE

- Sandhill Crane MB
- 1e Whooping Crane A

CHARADRIIDAE

- 3 Black-bellied Plover M
- 2 Lesser Golden-Plover M
- 2 Snowy Plover MB
- Semipalmated Plover M
- 2 Piping Plover MB
- Killdeer RM
- 3 Mountain Plover MB

RECURVROSTRIDAE

- 3 Black-necked Stilt MB
- American Avocet MB

SCOLOPACIDAE

- Greater Yellowlegs M
- Lesser Yellowlegs M
- Solitary Sandpiper M
- Willet MB
- Spotted Sandpiper MB
- 3 Upland Sandpiper MB
- 1 Eskimo Curlew A
- 1122 Whimbrel S
- Long-billed Curlew MB
- 2 Hudsonian Godwit M
- Marbled Godwit MB
- 2 Ruddy Turnstone M
- 2 Red Knot M
- Sanderling M
- 2 Semipalmated Sandpiper M
- Western Sandpiper M
- Least Sandpiper M
- 112 White-rumped Sandpiper S
- Baird's Sandpiper M
- Pectoral Sandpiper M
- 1 Sharp-tailed Sandpiper A
- 2 Dunlin M
- Stilt Sandpiper M
- 2 Buff-breasted Sandpiper M
- 1 Ruff A
- 1a2 Short-billed Dowitcher M
- Long-billed Dowitcher M
- Common Snipe RM
- 1 American Woodcock A
- Wilson's Phalarope MB
- 3 Red-necked Phalarope M
- 112 Red Phalarope M

LARIDAE

- 1 Pomarine Jaeger VM
- 1d Parasitic Jaeger M
- 1 Long-tailed Jaeger A
- 1d Laughing Gull M
- Franklin's Gull M
- 1 Little Gull VM
- 1 Common Blk.-headed Gull A
- Bonaparte's Gull M
- 1 Mew Gull VM
- Ring-billed Gull NW
- California Gull MB

Herring Gull W

- 1a2 Thayer's Gull W
- 1 Lesser Blk.-backed Gull VW
- 1 Glaucous-winged Gull VW
- 3 Glaucous Gull W
- 1 Great Black-backed Gull VW
- 1a2 Black-legged Kittiwake M
- 1 Ross' Gull A
- 3 Sabine's Gull M
- 1 Ivory Gull A
- 2 Caspian Tern M
- 1a2 Common Tern M
- 1 Arctic Tern A
- Forster's Tern MB
- 2 Least Tern MB
- Black Tern MB

ALCIDAE

- 1 Marbled Murrelet A
- 1 Ancient Murrelet A

COLUMBIDAE

- Rock Dove IR
- Band-tailed Pigeon MB
- 1 White-winged Dove VM
- Mourning Dove MB

CUCULIDAE

- 2 Black-billed Cuckoo MB
- 3 Yellow-billed Cuckoo MB
- 3 Greater Roadrunner R
- 1 Groove-billed Ani A

TYTONIDAE

- 3 Barn Owl R

STRIGIDAE

- 2 Flammulated Owl MB
- 2 Eastern Screech-Owl R
- 2 Western Screech-Owl R
- Great Horned Owl R
- 2 Snowy Owl W#
- 3 Northern Pygmy-Owl R
- Burrowing Owl MB
- 1 Spotted Owl R
- 1 Barred Owl ?
- 3 Long-eared Owl R
- 3 Short-eared Owl R
- 2 Boreal Owl R
- 3 Northern Saw-whet Owl R

CAPRIMULGIDAE

- 1 Lesser Nighthawk A
- Common Nighthawk MB
- 3 Common Poorwill MB
- 1 Whip-poor-will VM

APODIDAE

- 3 Black Swift MB
- Chimney Swift MB
- White-throated Swift MB

TROCHILIDAE

- 1 Blue-thr'd Hummingb'd VM
- 2 Magnificent Hummingb'd MB
- Blk.-chinn'd Hummingb'd MB
- 1 Anna's Hummingbird A
- 2 Calliope Hummingbird F
- Brd.-tailed Hummingbird MB
- 2 Rufous Hummingbird F

ALCEDINIDAE

Belted Kingfisher RM

PICIDAE

- Lewis' Woodpecker RM
 Red-headed Woodpecker MB
 3 Red-bellied Woodpecker R
 1a2 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker W
 Red-naped Sapsucker MB
 Williamson's Sapsucker MB
 2 Ladder-b'k'd Woodpecker R
 Downy Woodpecker RM
 Hairy Woodpecker RM
 2 Three-toed Woodpecker R
 Northern Flicker RM

TYRANNIDAE

- Olive-sided Flycatcher MB
 Western Wood-Pewee MB
 1d Eastern Wood-Pewee M
 1d Alder Flycatcher VM
 2 Willow Flycatcher MB
 2 Least Flycatcher MB
 2 Hammond's Flycatcher MB
 2 Dusky Flycatcher MB
 2 Gray Flycatcher MB
 2 Cordilleran Flycatcher MB
 1 Black Phoebe VB
 3 Eastern Phoebe MB
 Say's Phoebe MB
 3 Vermillion Flycatcher MB
 1 Dusky-capped Flycatcher A
 3 Ash-throated Flycatcher MB
 2 Great Crested Flycatcher MB
 Cassin's Kingbird MB
 Western Kingbird MB
 Eastern Kingbird MB
 3 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher MB

ALAUDIDAE

Horned Lark RM

HIRUNDINIDAE

- 1a2 Purple Martin MB
 Tree Swallow MB
 Violet-green Swallow MB
 No. Rough-w'ng'd Sw'llw MB
 Bank Swallow MB
 Cliff Swallow MB
 Barn Swallow MB

CORVIDAE

- 3 Gray Jay R
 Steller's Jay R
 Blue Jay RM
 Scrub Jay R
 3 Pinyon Jay R
 Clark's Nutcracker R
 Black-billed Magpie R
 American Crow R
 2 Chihuahuan Raven R
 Common Raven R

PARIDAE

Black-capped Chickadee R
 Mountain Chickadee R

3 Plain Titmouse R

AEGITHALIDAE

3 Bushitit R

SITTIDAE

- Red-breasted Nuthatch RM
 White-breasted Nuthatch R
 Pygmy Nuthatch R

CERTHIIDAE

Brown Creeper RM

TROGLODYTIDAE

Rock Wren MB
 Canyon Wren R

2 Carolina Wren M

3 Bewick's Wren RM

House Wren MB

2 Winter Wren W

1d Sedge Wren M

Marsh Wren RM

CINCLIDAE

American Dipper R

MUSCICAPIDAE

3 Golden-crowned Kinglet RM

Ruby-crowned Kinglet MB

3 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher MB

Eastern Bluebird RM

Western Bluebird MB

Mountain Bluebird MB

Townsend's Solitaire RM

2 Veery MB

1d Gray-cheeked Thrush M

Swainson's Thrush MB

Hermit Thrush MB

2 Wood Thrush M

American Robin RM

2 Varied Thrush W

MIMIDAE

Gray Catbird MB

Northern Mockingbird RM

Sage Thrasher MB

Brown Thrasher MB

1 Long-billed Thrasher A

1 Bendire's Thrasher VB

3 Curve-billed Thrasher R

MOTACILLIDAE

American Pipit RM

1 Sprague's Pipit A

BOMBICILLIDAE

2 Bohemian Waxwing W#

Cedar Waxwing RM

PTILOGONATIDAE

1 Phainopepla VM

LANIIDAE

Northern Shrike W

Loggerhead Shrike RM

STURNIDAE

European Starling IR

VIREONIDAE

1 White-eyed Vireo VB

3 Bell's Vireo MB

2 Gray Vireo MB

Solitary Vireo MB

2 Yellow-throated Vireo M

Warbling Vireo MB

1d Philadelphia Vireo M

Red-eyed Vireo MB

EMBERIZIDAE

- 2 Blue-winged Warbler M
 2 Golden-winged Warbler M
 Tennessee Warbler M
 Orange-crowned Warbler MB
 2 Nashville Warbler M
 Virginia's Warbler MB
 1 Lucy's Warbler A
 3 Northern Parula M
 Yellow Warbler MB
 3 Chestnut-sided Warbler MB
 23 Magnolia Warbler M
 23 Cape May Warbler M
 3 Blk-throated Blue Warbler M
 Yellow-rumped Warbler MB
 3 Blk-thr'd Gray Warbler MB
 3 Townsend's Warbler M
 1 Hermit Warbler VM
 23 Blk-thr'd Green Warbler M
 23 Blackburnian Warbler M
 2 Yellow-throated Warbler M
 2 Grace's Warbler MB
 1d Pine Warbler M
 1 Prairie Warbler A
 3 Palm Warbler M
 23 Bay-breasted Warbler MB
 23 Blackpoll Warbler M
 1 Cerulean Warbler A
 3 Black-and-white Warbler M
 American Redstart MB
 23 Prothonotary Warbler M
 2 Worm-eating Warbler M
 1 Swainson's Warbler A
 3 Ovenbird MB
 Northern Waterthrush M
 1 Louisiana Waterthrush A
 2 Kentucky Warbler M
 1 Connecticut Warbler A
 1 Mourning Warbler VM
 MacGillivray's Warbler MB
 Common Yellowthroat MB
 23 Hooded Warbler M
 Wilson's Warbler MB
 23 Canada Warbler M
 1 Painted Redstart A
 Yellow-breasted Chat MB
 1d Hepatic Tanager VB
 2 Summer Tanager M
 23 Scarlet Tanager M
 Western Tanager MB
 3 Northern Cardinal MB
 1 Pyrrhuloxia A
 23 Rose-breasted Grosbeak MB
 Black-headed Grosbeak MB
 Blue Grosbeak MB
 Lazuli Bunting MB
 2 Indigo Bunting MB
 1 Painted Bunting VM
 3 Dickcissel MB
 Green-tailed Towhee MB
 Rufous-sided Towhee RM
 Canyon Towhee R
 2 Cassin's Sparrow MB

2 Ruf. crowned Sparrow RM

American Tree Sparrow W

Chipping Sparrow MB

Clay-colored Sparrow M

Brewer's Sparrow MB

2 Field Sparrow MB

Veep Sparrow MB

Lark Sparrow MB

2e Black-throated Sparrow MB

2e Sage Sparrow MB

Lark Bunting MB

Savannah Sparrow MB

1d Baird's Sparrow M

Grasshopper Sparrow MB

1 Henslow's Sparrow A

1 Le Conte's Sparrow A

1 Sharp-tailed Sparrow A

3 Fox Sparrow MB

Song Sparrow RM

Lincoln's Sparrow MB

3 Swamp Sparrow W

White-throated Sparrow M

2 Golden-crowned Sparrow W

White-crowned Sparrow MB

3 Harris' Sparrow W

Dark-eyed Junco RM

McCown's Longspur MB

3 Lapland Longspur W

Chestn.-coll'd Longsp'r MB

3 Snow Bunting W#

3 Bobolink MB

Red-winged Blackbird RM

1d Eastern Meadowlark MB

Western Meadowlark RM

Yellow-headed Blackb'd MB

2 Rusty Blackbird W

Brewer's Blackbird RM

3 Great-tailed Grackle RM

Common Grackle MB

1 Bronzed Cowbird A

Brown-headed Cowbird MB

Orchard Oriole MB

Northern Oriole MB

2 Scott's Oriole MB

FRINGILLIDAE

1 Brambling A

Rusky Finch R

3 Pine Grosbeak R

1d Purple Finch W

Cassin's Finch R

House Finch R

3 Red Crossbill R

2 White-winged Crossbill ?

3 Common Redpoll W#

Pine Siskin R

Lesser Goldfinch MB

American Goldfinch RM

Evening Grosbeak R

PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow IR

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT — 303-424-2144

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

I would like to volunteer for: ☐ Nominee for Officer or Director
☐ Field Trip Leader
☐ Other (State purpose) _____

Please indicate:

☐ — NEW

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_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00
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_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert
_____ Contribution to the DFO Educational Endowment Fund

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 8, 1997

Program: "Fun Birding with a Purpose"

Speaker: Greg Butcher, Executive Director, American Birding Association

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY NOVEMBER 1996

November 2, Saturday (CCR) *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Bob Righter

0830-1430. 3.0 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 75°F.

Observers: Bev Baker, Sherry Chapman, Carolyn Cooley, Dennis Downing, Patty Echelmeyer, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Rick Herner, Peter Lowen, Janet Macpherson, Richard Mendez, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Jim Norton, Emma Phillipe, Kim Potter, Jack Reddall, Joe Roller, Gene Rutherford, Karleen Schofield, Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters, Emilie Wiersma, Bruce Young.
53 species, 546 individuals.

November 3, Sunday (HRP) *Highlands Ranch Open Space Parks*

Leader: Bob Brown

0830-1130. 9.5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Cloudy to partly cloudy, calm, 45-55°F.

Observers: Lea Ann Brown, Don Ice, Ellen Jacobson, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Chuck

Lowrie, Alberta Nelson, Jim Perry, Karleen Schofield, Peter Spanberger, Helen Standish.
23 species, 162 individuals.

November 2-3, Saturday-Sunday (LMC) *Lake McConaughy, Nebraska*

Leader: Jackie King

0730 Saturday to 1700 on Sunday. 604 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 28-58°F on Saturday, 22-62°F on Sunday.

Observers: Nancy Urquart, Amy Young.
55 species, 7,004 individuals.

November 9, Saturday (NWL) *Northwest Denver Lakes*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

0830-1300. 20 miles by car, 0.25 miles on foot.

High clouds, wind west 15 mph, 50-70°F.

Observers: Rose Barber, Dale Bucknam, Pat Bucknam, Ellen Copeland, Ruth Davis, Gail Evans, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Connie Huyck, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Bill Kossack, David Laliberte, Judy Miller, Carole Murray, Karleen Schofield, Mort Staatz, Richard Trinkner, Chuck Walters.

39 species, 1,386 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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November 10, Sunday (WSP)

Walden and Sawmill Ponds, Boulder

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0830-1300. 11 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 50-66°F.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Bob Bierling,
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Jennifer Henderson, Rob Henderson, Don Ice,
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Wells.

47 species, 1,599 individuals.

November 16, Saturday (NEQ)

Northeast Quadrant, Colorado

Leader: Joey Kellner

0724-1545. 220 miles by car, 1.5 mile on foot.

Cloudy with light snow in morning, clearing in
afternoon, wind north 5-20 mph, 15-24°F.

Observers: Randy Lentz, Peter Lowen.

65 species, 9,301 individuals.

November 17, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe

0830-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind northeast 0-7 mph,
20-42°F.

Observers: Sherry Chapman, Don Ice, Justin
Wooten, Megan Wooten.

40 species, 3,709 individuals.

November 23, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Bob Spencer

0800-1030. 10 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot.

Foggy, overcast, snowing, wind north 0-5 mph,
30°F.

Observers: Mary Burger, Don Ice, Alex
McKim, Mookie McKim, Richard Mendez,
Chris Owens, Sue Schulman.

32 species, 739 individuals.

November 24, Sunday (TWP)

Two Ponds and nearby areas

Leader: David Rhoades

0800-1130. 5 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Foggy to sunny, wind west 4-7 mph, 20-40°F.
Observers: Dan Brachear, Dieter Kamm,
Karleen Schofield.
29 species, 413 individuals.

November 29, Friday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leaders: Edward Schaumberg, Karleen
Schofield

0830-1215. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 26-35°F.

Observers: Gerry Allan, Marlene Andrews, Al
Clebsch, Ed Clebsch, Byrnece Gluckstern,
Dieter Kamm.

35 species, 530 individuals.

November 30, Saturday (MFP)

*Mt. Falcon, Lair o' the Bear, and Morrison
parks*

Leader: David Laliberte

0845-1500. 40 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy to partly cloudy, wind 0-4 mph,
24-30°F.

Observers: Don Ice, Karleen Schofield.

24 species, 291 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

November 5, Tuesday (BCP)

Bear Creek Park, Old Stone House

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers.

0900-1215. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind west 5-15 mph, 49-58°F.

35 species, 227 individuals.

November 12, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 39 observers.

0800-1230. 4.0 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind southwest 6-8 mph,
50-65°F.

38 species, 529 individuals.

November 19, Tuesday (WAL)

Walden and Sawmill Ponds

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 45 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind southeast 0-20 mph, 64°F.

41 species, 1,415 individuals.

November 26, Tuesday (LBR)

Lair o' the Bear Park, Jefferson County

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 9 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Overcast with light snow, wind east 0-5 mph,
27-30°F.

11 species, 35 individuals.

Monna Krebs, Compiler

RIGHTER SOUTHEAST ARIZONA TRIP

Spend 10 days, April 25 - May 4, exploring the
canyons, mountains and deserts as we "tick off"
the many specialties of this region. All expenses
to be shared. Since *The Lark Bunting* doesn't
arrive on everyone's doorstep at the same time,
there will be a drawing two weeks after Bob
receives his issue. Call Bob at 692-8529 for
more information and to place your name on the
list.

RENEW NOW!

Remember, all DFO members renew at the
beginning of the calendar year. Unless your
membership was effective after October 1, 1996,
it will expire December 31 and terminate January
31, 1997. Use the renewal form on the inside of
the mailing wrapper to continue your
membership.

And while renewing, remember that DFO is
largely successful because of the number of
members who donate their time and effort.
Consider volunteering for Officer, Director,
Field Trip Leader, or other by checking one, or
more boxes on the renewal form!

STAATZ LAUDED FOR CONTRIBUTION

The entire membership extends its thanks to
Mort Staatz who is stepping down as a field trip
scheduler. Mort has been arranging DFO trips
since 1992, and although he has enjoyed the
position Mort is ready for a rest.

WILLCOCKSON ASSUMES POST

Lynn Willcockson will assume Mort's responsibilities, planning trips for March, June, September and December. Lynn, a club member since 1960 has made major contributions to the club. In October 1965 he became the first editor of *The Lark Bunting*, created the first Rare Bird Alert and was one of the founders of the Colorado Field Ornithologists, as well as being a popular DFO field trip leader.

TINA JONES - WINTER CLASSES

Mark your calendars now for these Denver Audubon Society classes:

Rosy Finches and Winter Birds. Tina Jones, wildlife consultant and well known field trip leader instructs the class. Students will learn in a classroom session about northern latitude birds and their natural history. Classroom session is Thursday February 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Denver Audubon Society office. The Field trip is Saturday, February 15, with February 16 as a snow date. Participants will look for Rosy Finches, Pine and Evening Grosbeaks, crossbills and any other northern specialty birds that may be in the area such as redpolls and Snow Buntings. Fee is \$20 for Audubon members and \$30 for non-members. Call Audubon at 696-0877 to register. Call Tina at 794-2647 for more details.

Owls and Hawks of Colorado-Soaring

Beauties. A class offered by Denver Botanic Gardens. Learn how to identify these birds, along with many different age groups of Bald Eagles. Classroom session is Thursday, February 20, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The field trip is February 22 with February 23 as snow date. Extensive handouts provided. Call the Botanic Gardens at 370-8020 to register. For more details contact the instructor, Tina Jones at 794-2647. Class fee is required. Learn why Colorado is one the top states to observe both Bald and Golden Eagles, and learn why we have such a variety of owls in the state.

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Betty and Stan Harwood
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Christie Owens and Richard Mendez
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SPECIES	2	3	2-3	9	10	16	17	23	24	29	30	5	12	19	26
	CCR	HRP	LMC	NWL	WSP	NEQ	BAR	CHA	TWP	WGB	MFP	BCP	CCR	WAL	LBR
Pacific Loon	1												1		
Common Loon	2														
Pied-billed Grebe	2		2	2	10	1	1							3	
Horned Grebe	10		55	3			2								
Eared Grebe	10												1		
Western Grebe	50		17	10			3		10				100		
American White Pelican	1		14				1		1						
Double-crested Cormorant	10		7				2						2		
Great Blue Heron	15				2	1							1		
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2														
Tundra Swan								2							
Trumpeter Swan								5							
Snow Goose															
"White" morph	2		110			130	2								
Ross' Goose				1											
Canada Goose	25		2450	550	405	2400	2000	450	117	55	22		90	550	
Wood Duck						2m1f						1m			
Green-winged Teal	30		25	1		4	20	20				3	15	7	
Mallard	10		142	50	112	3000	500	48	61	65	8	60	19	22	9
Northern Pintail					1	1	200	6						8	
Cinnamon Teal			20												
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.						1									
Northern Shoveler	10			150	4	700	400	1		6			4	3	
Gadwall	20		3	1	9	2	50	12	8	3		1	6	21	
American Wigeon	7				265	2	12	10		40		2		350	
Canvasback					5					2				2	
Redhead	3			6	48				4	41		1	1	50	
Ring-necked Duck			50	22	88			2	4	10		3		125	
Lesser Scaup	8			3	1	70	40			10				1	
Common Goldeneye	4			8	8	30	4	8	1	20				25	
Bufflehead	6		3	2	19	85	12	9					1	4	
Hooded Merganser				15		1m2f				1			1m3f		
Common Merganser			2	5	1	2	2	13					1f		
Red-breasted Merganser	20			3											
Ruddy Duck				16	2	2				2					
Osprey			2												
Bald Eagle			3		2i	1a1i	2	1	1						
Northern Harrier	1		2		1	4m1f	2	1	1				1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1				1af1i									
Cooper's Hawk			2			1a									
Accipiter species				1											
Swainson's Hawk			3												
Red-tailed Hawk	1	2	32		5				3		1	2	1	2	1
Western races				2		4		1							
"Harlan's" race						1				1					
"Kriger's" race						1									
Ferruginous Hawk			15			1a			1			1			
Rough-legged Hawk			5			4		1							
Buteo species											1				
Golden Eagle	1		2					1						2	
American Kestrel	1	5	12	1	1	9	1	1				3	1	1	
Merlin						1f									
Prairie Falcon		1	1												
Ring-necked Pheasant	2		3m			2m									
Sharp-tailed Grouse			1m4f												
Virginia Rail	3				1h								5	1	
American Coot	50			20	237	45	18	2	20	30		1	160	50	

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	CCR	HPR	LMC	NWL	WSP	NEQ	BAR	CHA	TWP	WGB	MFP	BCP	CCR	WAL	LBR
Killdeer	3			3	1	2		2					1	2	
Common Snipe					3	3				1		2		3	2
Franklin's Gull			1										1		
Bonaparte's Gull															
Mew Gull	1														
Ring-billed Gull	30		435	300	63	6	6	20	51	48			37	24	
California Gull	30			4				2							
Herring Gull	3		2			1							1		
Great Black-backed Gull													1		
Rock Dove	15	3	810	50	113	11	1	6	2	6	9	12		16	
Mourning Dove			1				2								
Great Horned Owl	1		1			2						1	2		
Long-eared Owl						6									
Belted Kingfisher	1			1	2	1				2	1h	4	1	1	1
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	3				2			1		4	1	5	
Eastern races						2									
Hairy Woodpecker			1												
Eastern race						1									
Northern Flicker	2	8							2			15	4	6	
"Red-shafted" race			12	5	6	33	10	3		10	2				
Horned Lark	3		57			600									
Steller's Jay											4				1
Blue Jay			10			8			3	1					
Western Scrub-Jay											6				
Black-billed Magpie	10	12	14	15	7	13	35	7	8	12	5	10	27	25	5
American Crow	2	2	3	2	4		9	10	1	5	4	1		4	2
Common Raven		1			2			1			3			1	2
Black-capped Chickadee	6	7		2	18	6	25				5	34	2	14	
Mountain Chickadee					2	2	3				10				
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1						1						
White-breasted Nuthatch					1					2		2			
Pygmy Nuthatch											12				
Brown Creeper					1		6			2				5	
Marsh Wren					1										
American Dipper										1	3			2	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet						1									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet												1			
Townsend's Solitaire						2				1	6				3
Swainson's Thrush			5												
American Robin	20	4	320	1		220			4			7		2	
Cedar Waxwing	8					16									
Northern Shrike	1	1	3		1	1			1						
European Starling	50	30	350	95	87	950	25		22	45	10	10	22	40	
Yellow-rumped Warbler												5			
"Audubon's" race						1									
MacGillivray's Warbler												1			
Spotted Towhee		1				2				1	1h				
American Tree Sparrow	10	4	67		2	6	12	6				3	5	11	
Song Sparrow	4	2	1	1	5	30	20		2	17		5	1	6	3
Swamp Sparrow												1			
White-crowned Sparrow		2			1		18								
"Gambel's" race						35									
Dark-eyed Junco	4	14	34	1			15	10	4	1	51	7	1	4	
"White-winged" race						1									
"Oregon" race			30			1									
"Pink-sided" race						5									
Lapland Longspur						50									
Sparrow species												12			
Red-winged Blackbird	10	30	1765	10	34	450	200	8	3	3	85	10	3	13	

SPECIES	2	3	2-3	9	10	16	17	23	24	29	30	5	12	19	26
	CCR	HPR	LMC	NWL	WSP	NEQ	BAR	CHA	TWP	WGB	MFP	BCP	CCR	WAL	LBR
Western Meadowlark			7		3	10	8		1					4	
Rusty Blackbird														1	
Brewer's Blackbird					4	250									
Great-tailed Grackle					1										
Common Grackle			2												
Brown-headed Cowbird			1												
Cassin's Finch											3				
House Finch	20	18	3	12	8	8	30		72	20	35	10	1		
Pine Siskin											2				
Lesser Goldfinch												1			
American Goldfinch	3	1	23	2	2	12	8	70		15		1	1	1	
Evening Grosbeak						8									
House Sparrow		12	55	10		30			4	50	2		3		
TOTAL SPECIES	53	23	55	39	47	65	40	32	29	35	24	35	38	41	11
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	546	162	7004	1386	1599	9301	3709	739	413	530	291	227	529	1415	35

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - NOVEMBER 1996

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Red-throated Loon	11/18-19	1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Leon Bright, David Pantle, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith (F)
	11/24	1i	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos (F)
Pacific Loon	11/1	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/1-11	1wa	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	11/2	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	11/3	1-3	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Many observers
	11/3	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	11/5, 8, 20	1wa	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	11/8	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/8	1	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering
	11/9	1j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering, mo
	11/11-18	1i	Fishing pond in Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/17	4	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	11/18-20	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/23	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering, Joe Roller
Common Loon	11/25	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	11/13, 20, 21, 26	1wa	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
American White Pelican	11/1-25	1	Standley Lake	Jefferson	Binny Abbot
	11/8-9	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/16	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Black-crowned Night-Heron	11/16	1i	John Martin Marsh, east of Rd. 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Tundra Swan	11/6	1a	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes, Jack Reddall
	11/21	1i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	11/21-27	2a	Roxborough Village	Douglas	J.B. Hayes

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Trumpeter Swan	11/20-27	5a	Roxborough Village	Douglas	J.B. Hayes
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/10	7	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	11/20	1a2i	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	J.B. Hayes
	11/24	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	11/24	5	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Snow Goose "White" Morph					
	11/2	9,000	East of Manzanola on US 50	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	11/2	150	East of Manzanola on US 50	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Ross' Goose	11/17	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn
	11/2	3,000	East of Manzanola on US 50	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	11/17	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering
	11/20	3a1i	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	J.B. Hayes
	11/20	40	Bijou Reservoir	Morgan	Jack Reddall
Greater Scaup	11/22	4-6	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink
Oldsquaw	11/9	1m	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn
	11/2	1m	Lake Granby	Grand	Tina Jones
	11/10	3	Rocky Ford Sewage Ponds and later at Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	11/17	1if	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn
	11/26	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Dan Bridges
	11/29	1	Jim Hamm Pond	Boulder	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Surf Scoter	11/30	1i	Jim Hamm Pond	Boulder	Peter Gent, mo
	11/6	2if	Small reservoir just east of and below the entrance station to Roxborough Park	Douglas	Jack Reddall
White-winged Scoter	11/3	2f	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Dave Johnson
	11/19	1f	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Joe TenBrink
	11/20	1f	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	J.B. Hayes
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/2	1m	Lake Granby	Grand	Tina Jones
	11/30	1am	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering
Red-breasted Merganser	11/13	75	Baseline Reservoir	Boulder	Jack Reddall
Osprey	11/2	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
Peregrine Falcon	11/8	2	160th Ave. at Tennyson St.	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Gyr Falcon (gray morph)	11/11	1i	East of Nunn	Weld	Joe TenBrink (F)
Black-bellied Plover	11/16	1	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
American Golden-Plover	11/2	1	Lake Meredith	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
American Avocet	11/1	2wa	Platte Canyon Reservoir	Douglas	J.B. Hayes
Greater Yellowlegs	11/16	1	Mike Higbee SWA	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Sanderling	11/16	2	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Baird's Sandpiper	11/10	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	11/16	1	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
	11/16	3	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Dunlin	11/16	2	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Long-billed Dowitcher	11/16	2	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
Parasitic/Pomarine Jaeger	11/21-26	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Jack Reddall (F), mo

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Franklin's Gull	11/10	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Bonaparte's Gull	11/1-30	up to 15	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/16	40	Neenoshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
	11/21	14	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
Mew Gull	11/2	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Jack Reddall
	11/11	1wa	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	11/12	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Thayer's Gull	11/1-28	up to 2 1fw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	11/6	1fw	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	11/17	2l	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn
	11/21, 26	1 fw	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	11/23	3i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering, Joe Roller, Scott Hutchings
Great Black-backed Gull	11/1-26	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Many observers
Black-legged Kittiwake	11/24	1i	Long Pond	Larimer	Tony Leukering,
	11/24	1i	Douglas Reservoir	Larimer	Tony Leukering
	11/26	1i	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival (F)
	11/28	1i	Union Reservoir	Weld	Tony Leukering, Ellen Dunn, Liz Leukering
• Marbled Murrelet	11/1	1wa	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Joey Kellner, mo
Eurasian Collared-Dove	11/24	12	Rocky Ford	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Greater Roadrunner	11/9	1	CO 115	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Ken Hollinga
Long-eared Owl	11/19	1	Boulder Creek Trail at 75th St.	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	11/20	6a	Jackson Lake State Park	Morgan	Jack Reddall
	11/27	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Short-eared Owl	11/8	1	John Martin Marsh	Bent	Dan Bridges
	11/15	1	Along CO 83 near Castlewood Canyon State Park entrance	Douglas	Karen Metz
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	11/26	1f	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Leon Bright
Chihuahuan Raven	11/9	1	Near Brush Hollow Reservoir	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Ken Hollinga
Mountain Chickadee	11/10	1	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Bushtit	11/10	9	413 Tenth St., Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering
	11/10	7	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	11/24	9	Waterton Canyon	Jefferson	Bob Brown
	11/24	60	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Rock Wren	11/12	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
Sedge Wren	11/2	1	John Martin Marsh, east of Rd. 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos (F)
Gray Catbird	11/2	1	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Sage Thrasher	11/18	1	Picadilly Rd. near Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Brown Thrasher	11/24	3	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Bohemian Waxwing	11/10	1	Last Chance rest stop	Washington	Dan Bridges
	11/22	1	University of Southern Colorado	Pueblo	Bob Dickson, Johnie Dickson
	11/27	7	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Cedar Waxwing	11/10	1i	413 Tenth St., Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn
Orange-crowned Warbler	11/22-30	1	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Leon Bright, mo
Yellow Warbler	11/14	1f	Pueblo Nature Center	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Townsend's Warbler	11/2	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Joe TenBrink
Common Yellowthroat	11/2	1f	John Martin Marsh, east of Rd. 16	Bent	Mark Janos
Swamp Sparrow	11/2	13	John Martin Marsh, east of Rd. 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos
	11/21	1	Parker Regional Park	Douglas	Bob Brown

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White-throated Sparrow	11/1	1i	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	11/2	1	Rds. JJ and 16 east of Ft. Lyon	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	11/3-7	1	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Golden-crowned Sparrow	11/1-6	1i	4450 S. Alton St.	Arapahoe	Jack Reddall
Harris' Sparrow	11/1	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	J.B. Hayes
	11/9	1	1 mile below Two Buttes Dam	Prowers	Dan Bridges
	11/13	1i	Jim Hamm Nature Area	Boulder	Jack Reddall
	11/16	2	Mike Higbee SWA	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
	11/18	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/20	1i	Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Snow Bunting	11/26	1f	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
Rusty Blackbird	11/13	1f	Picadilly Rd. near Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Great-tailed Grackle	11/16	45	Korman	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi
	11/22-26	25-70	Picadilly Rd. near 152nd Ave.	Adams	Tony Leukering, Jim Bradley
	11/24	67	Near Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Gray crowned Rosy Finch	11/10	480	413 Tenth St., Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Mike Kinslow, mo
	11/16	20	Feeder near Yosemite St. and I-225	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	11/16	1	7420 Spring Drive	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	11/23	2	Ford Craig's Chicago Creek feeder	Clear Creek	Dan Bridges
	11/24	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	11/26	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	J.B. Hayes
	11/10	180	413 Tenth St., Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Mike Kinslow, mo
	11/16	1	7420 Spring Drive	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
"Hepburn's" race					
Black Rosy-Finch	11/10	60	413 Tenth St., Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Mike Kinslow, mo
Brown-capped Rosy Finch	11/10	480	413 Tenth St., Leadville	Lake	Tony Leukering, Mike Kinslow, mo
Cassin's Finch	11/11	3m3f	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Red Crossbill	11/9	5i	1/2 mile below Two Buttes Dam	Baca	Dan Bridges
	11/12	12	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/20	1f	835 Harmony Dr., Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Common Redpoll	11/23-24	1	7420 Spring Dr., Boulder	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Evening Grosbeak	11/12	18	Valco Ponds SWA	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/16	2	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Vic Zerbi

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, d = dead, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, br = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, b = banded, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

January 4, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Peter Lowen, 270-0076

Meet leader at 0830 just inside the west gate of the park, east of Cherry Creek High School, east from S. Yosemite St. at Union. Tentatively half day trip. If weather looks good, bring lunch and the trip will continue into the afternoon. State Parks Pass required.

optional. Half day trip. State Parks Pass required.

January 18, Saturday (SPR)

South Platte River and Adams County

Leader: David Laliberte, 297-2504

Meet at 0830 at the east end of the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch. Full day trip.

January 5, Sunday (BOU)

Boulder area

Leader: Bob Jickling, 499-4977

Meet at 0830 at Valmont Power Plant. From north bound US36 take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Rd., and east two miles to 63rd St., and north 0.25 miles to entrance. Full day trip. Bring lunch.

January 19, Sunday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park Bear Creek Lake Park, Morrison, and Lair o' the Bear Park

Leader: Norm Lewis, 988-5544

Meet at 0830 at the Red Rocks Trading Post to carpool. Lakewood Park Pass required. Bring lunch. Full day trip.

January 11, Saturday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Gail Evans, 758-2231

Breakfast with the birds. Meet leader at 0830, call for directions. Half day trip. Good for novices and new members. State Parks Pass required.

January 25, Saturday (NEC)

Northeastern Colorado for raptors

Leader: Jack Reddall, 771-5308

Meet at 0700 at the east end of the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch. Full day trip. State Parks Pass required. Call leader if going.

January 12, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 798-9683

Meet at 0800 just inside the west entrance at the park fee station. From C-470 take Wadsworth Blvd. south 1.5 miles to entrance. Lunch

January 26, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon, 403-1513

Meet at 0830 at Prospect Lake, south of West 44th Ave., near Robb St. Lunch optional. Half day trip.

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

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☐ Field Trip Leader

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